

Marcus Belgrave Presents

A Personal Tribute to Ray Charles, New Orleans, and the Great Ladies of Song in a 7 Piece Ensemble

FEATURING:

Joan Bow & Charlie Gabriel

Marcus Belgrave, Detroit's legendary trumpeter, is most recognized for his time spent playing alongside Ray Charles. Charlie Gabriel is a fourth generation New Orleans musician who brings forth such strong contemporary and traditional jazz experience that placing the vocals of the supremely talented Joan Bow upon their harmonic sound seems completely natural. The trio provides an innovative approach to contemporary jazz music by combining a smooth mixture of improvisational and classical styles. With songs such as "Unchain My Heart" and "You Don't Know Me" truly touch the essence of Ray Charles and display the admiration Belgrave feels for his mentor. Yet the soul of the show comes on New Orleans' tunes like "Tailgate Ramble" and "Sweet Substitute." The touch of Duke Ellington on "The Mooche" demonstrates how much The Duke loved New Orleans. Lastly, duets originally done by Louis Armstrong and the Great Ladies, such as Billie Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald, are eloquently done - tunes such as "Cheek To Cheek", "My Sweet Hunk of Trash" and "You Can't Lose a Broken Heart." So indulge yourself with a musical experience that will lift your heart and your smile!

"Marcus Belgrave is an astonishing trumpet improviser and re-interprets classic solos in general style and feel...without copying note for note."

Joan Bow-Belgrave is a "class act...gospel, jazz, blues and neo-soul...[she] is the evolution of blues." - Afrikan Jahmal Dayvs, KKUP San Jose, CA

"Charlie Gabriel plays authentic New Orleans traditional jazz, straight-ahead jazz, and contemporary music."

