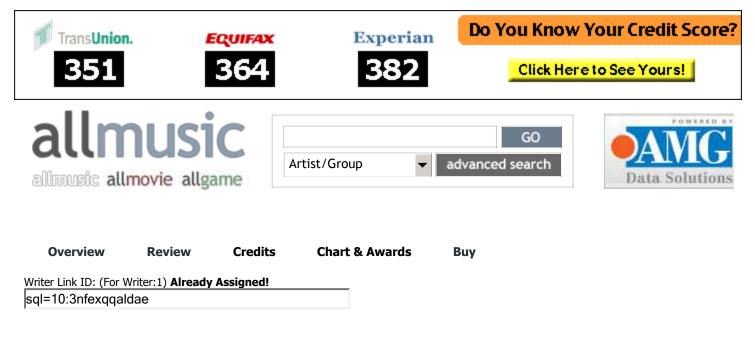
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Review

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Although packaged as Art Blakey & the Jazz Messengers' Live at Village Vanguard from this DVD is actually a compilation of two separate performances: one by Blakey at Sev Avenue South (not the Vanguard), the other by Johnny Griffin at the Village Vanguard though the latter is barely mentioned in one line on the back cover as an afterthought Blakey's band at the time had both Wynton and Branford Marsalis (the latter on alto sa tenorist Bill Pierce, pianist Donald Brown, and bassist Charles Fambrough. The opening track, which is joined well along in progress, is mislabeled as "Fuller Love," it is actual former Messenger Bobby Watson's "In Case You Missed It." Pamela Watson's "Ms. B.C.," swirling hard bop masterpiece, is the highlight of the set, though Wynton delivers a he "My Ship" in his featured solo, which also has a strong effort by Brown, who is on fire throughout the performance. The band segues into a brief version of "52nd Street The Blakey talks to the audience. Griffin is always a treat to hear in a live setting and this Vanguard date is no exception. His full bodied tenor is the centerpiece of his blisterin "Blues for Gonzi" with great comping by the rhythm section. The loping take of "Monk's Dream" and the closing excerpt of "56" are also enjoyable. More information about this release is available at www.musicvideodistributors.com.

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