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# Live at Village Vanguard

Art Blakey & The Jazz Messengers



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### Album

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### Release Date

Apr 13, 2004

### Label

Quantum Leap

## 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 sax 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 heck "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 blistering "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](http://www.musicvideodistributors.com).

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2004	DVD	Quantum Leap	869

**Type**

Video, Live

**Genre**

Jazz

**Styles**

Hard Bop

**Moods**

Playful

Complex

Freewheeling

Intense

Cathartic

Nocturnal

Sophisticated

Literate

Aggressive

Confident

Rousing

Rollicking

Boisterous

Passionate

Fiery

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