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## Soulive - *Bowlive: Live at the Brooklyn Bowl* [Royal Family Records]

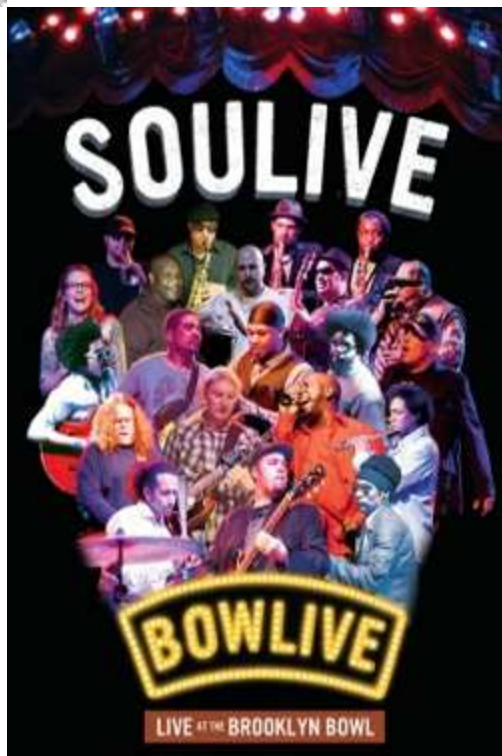
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Soulive's *Bowlive* DVD captures the jazz trio in all their glory, as they cook in fiery fashion on their own, then collaborate with a stunning diversity of guest musicians. In either mode, Soulive are so perfectly comfortable in their element inside their hometown venue, even the clumsy design of the DVD features (or lack thereof) can't undermine the impact of the performances.

Soulive's been willing and courageous enough to regularly stage runs of shows in their hometown at the Brooklyn Bowl (this year the residency lasted ten nights) and *Bowlive* contains some of fruits borne of the multiple collaborations that distinguish those shows. As a concert video on its own terms, it is near spectacular in bringing the sensation of "being there" to the viewer, there being on and around the stage as the band plays in its various configurations.

Close-ups front side and behind are the perspectives of the various musicians including the band and combined with the exquisite sound -- mixed and mastered by drummer Alan Evans himself -- it is the in concert recording Soulive was due to release.

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