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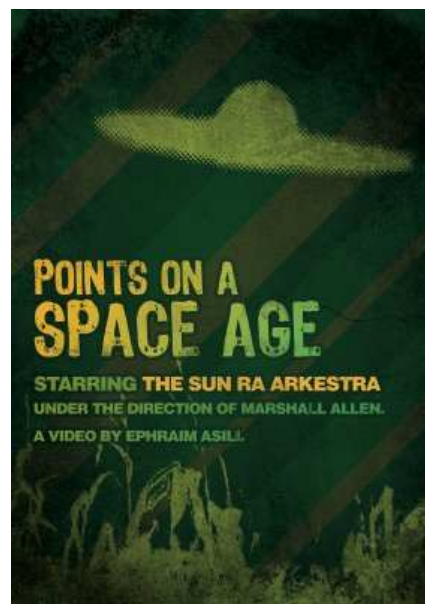
### [Sun Ra Arkestra: Points On A Space Age](#)

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From **MVD**, *Points on a Space Age* explores the recent activity of the remaining members of the "Sun Ra Arkestra", an experimental big band formed in the mid 1950's around the teachings of, musician, philosopher and spiritualist 'Sun Ra'.

*"...Sun Ra, according to himself and his disciples believed that he was sent to this planet to prepare human beings for the world for the future, a future centered around space travel and the human capacity to evolve with ever changing demands of a highly technological world. The members of Ra's band were not only band mates they were also disciples, students and companions to their Guru bandleader. All band members were required to learn the philosophy of Ra, and many members lived with Sun Ra as well. It was common for the band to practice of eight hours, only breaking for teachings, and then go out and play gigs. The band continued in this manner for approximately thirty years until Sun Ra 'left the planet' in 1993..."*

Produced and directed by Ephraim Asili, *Points on a Space Age* examines the work of the Arkestra in the physical absence of Sun Ra, with the direction of the band left to long-time member, musician Marshall Allen, now age 86.

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