



## Wayne Escoffery, Tenor Saxophone

2014 Downbeat Critics Poll Rising Star Winner and Grammy Award winning tenor saxophonist Wayne Escoffery has become one of the Jazz world's most talented rising stars and in-demand sidemen. He has recorded eight studio dates as a leader and been on numerous other recordings. He began his professional career touring and recording with The Eric Reed Septet. Since then he has been a member of many groups including The Mingus Big Band, Orchestra and Dynasty, Ron Carter's Great Bigband, Abdullah Ibrahim's Akaya, The Ben Riley Quaret and Jazz At Lincoln Center's "Music of the Masters" consisting of musicians hand picked by Wynton Marsalis to perform the music of Jazz legends Dexter Gordon and Miles Davis.

Since 2006, Wayne's been a member of the renowned trumpeter, Tom Harrell's working quintet with whom he has recorded seven CDs with the group. He also leads, records and tours with his own critically acclaimed groups. Grammy-award winning jazz writer Niel Tesser writes of Wayne: "Pay special attention to tenor man Wayne Escoffery, whose rapid development - from album to album (and seemingly solo to solo) - has given us a jazz hero for the coming decade."

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