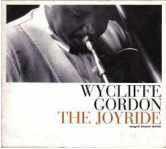


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1. *Blues Impromptus*
2. *The Island Boy*
3. *Bad Time*
4. *Let's Call This*
5. *Well Well Well* [play](#)
6. *Rhythm Cole*
7. *Wishing Well*
8. *Just Going On*
9. *Blessed* .

Personnel:

Wycliffe Gordon (vocals, trumpet, trombone, tuba, piano);

Victor Goines (saxophone, clarinet);

Farid Barron (piano);

Rodney Whitaker (bass);

Herlin Riley (drums).

Wycliffe Gordon is best known for being the star trombonist with Wynton Marsalis' groups, but as he shows on the colorful Joyride, he is much more. Gordon not only plays trombone but a bit of tuba, trumpet, and even piano (on "Blessed") in addition to taking some good-time vocals. His music is inspired by New Orleans jazz while also including swing, blues, bop, and some more modern explorations. With Victor Goines also showing off his versatility (mostly on tenor but also playing some soprano and clarinet) and the rhythm section being both flexible and alert, this is a highly enjoyable and rather unpredictable set that keeps one guessing. The Joyride is one of Gordon's finest showcases to date and is further proof that the trombonist is the most important alumnus of Marsalis' bands. ~ *Scott Yanow*

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Eight original compositions and Thelonious Monk's "Let's Call This" form the basis of this excellent small group by the trombonist.

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