

MUSIC SHORT LIST



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Here's an idea that no connoisseur of orchestral jazz can resist. Take three of the most spirited and inventive arrangers of the past two decades—Michael Abene, Jimmy Heath, Jim McNeely—and set them loose on the catalogues of Irving Berlin and Cole Porter. Then, for spice, invite Wynton Marsalis down to mix it up with Jon Faddis. Then, for gravy, have the Roy Haynes Group (with Donald Harrison) fill out the program. Then, for the love of God, don't invite a singer. Now if the trumpet monarchs can avoid the smirky faux-rivalry high jinks that are too often a part of their encounters, the results should give much pleasure. Thursday, Carnegie Hall, 154 West 57th Street, 247-7800. (Giddins)

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