

JOHN MOSCA (US) & band

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Ernst Techel, Bass
Michael Keul, Schlagzeug

A native New Yorker and Juilliard graduate, John Mosca has performed with Pierre Boulez and the Metropolitan Opera, as well as Dizzy Gillespie, Sarah Vaughn, and Stan Getz.

In 1975 he joined the Thad Jones-Mel Lewis orchestra, which won a Grammy the following year for the Live in Munich album. After a brief stay with the Buddy Rich band, John rejoined Thad and Mel as lead trombone and featured soloist. With the passing of the two leaders, John, with Douglas Purviance co-lead the band, known as the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, which won a Grammy in 2013 for Monday Night Live at the Vanguard, retiring in May, 2018.

John has recorded with the Jimmy Heath Big Band, and appeared at the United Nations with the Barry Harris Sextet. Recent small group recordings include CD's with Walt Weiskopf, Andy Fusco, Nancy Marano, Teddy Charles, Freddie Redd, and Chris Byars, with whom he has toured the Mideast and Central Europe for the US State Department.

John has been actively involved in jazz education for over 35 years, having served on the faculties at New York University, New England Conservatory, Manhattan School of Music, and as Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Connecticut. He currently teaches trombone and ensembles at William Paterson University and SUNY Purchase.

