

# Mp3 Marcus L. Miller - It's Miller Time



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Details: The art forms of Music, Dance, and Spoken Word have the unique power and ability to make our bodies move and to free our minds. Jazz is the one form of music that utilizes improvisation allowing for freedom in creative thought and expression. Spoken Word gives us the freedom of lyrical expression.

Movement embodies all that is creative and free flowing; no constraints or bounds. The combination of these three elements results in the harmonious mixture known as Freedom Jazz Movement. The name says it all...Freedom attained through jazz expressed in movement. Drummer/composer Marcus L. Miller formed this group in 1998 as a vehicle for music he had written for choreographed dance pieces. Each song tells a story that is expressed through a dancer's movement. The goal musically is to create music that blends the drumming traditions of Africa with the beats synonymous to the African-American tradition of jazz. The group features drummer Marcus L. Miller supported by a talented cast of musical artists. With his drums, "Rhythmic Sense" leads the way. The group has many faces; changing from a trio of drummers to a jazz ensemble (trio quintet), or Miller as a solo accompanist for the poetry and dance .

The poetry is the story. Through poetic expression, the thoughts, phrases, and ideas of the poet are felt. Jennifer Bowens delivers a powerful message when she speaks. Her words are food for thought. Through her words, she speaks tales of our African-American fight for freedoms and how we must not lose sight of the struggles of our ancestors. Dance is the other essential ingredient. Tamica Washington-Miller interprets the music and poetry. She combines her modern style with traditional West African movements and hip hop to bring the story to life. Her dance is fueled by a fiery passion, ignited by the freedom to create and be. The debut CD, "Los Angeles View Suite", was composed for a world premiere dance by choreographer Lula Washington at L.A.'s Dance Kaleidoscope (1998). The music reflects many of the

sounds and rhythms heard throughout various sectors of Los Angeles. The group's catalog also includes their second release, "It's Miller Time", a collage of Miller's musical thoughts, moments, and inspirations. Freedom Jazz Movement exists to give back to those who have come before us. By playing rhythms with ancient ties, we "Keep Spirits Alive". Their hearts beat as the drum pounds, and their spirit illuminates through the movements of the dancer.

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