

## Mp3 Devin Phillips: Wade In The Water - Jazz: Bebop



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Phillips mixes up a big jolt of youthful, wall-socket electricity with an old-school, take-no-prisoners bebop aesthetic that is both righteous and compelling. 12 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Bebop, KIDS/FAMILY: Kid Friendly

Details: Devin Phillips Saxophonist Recording Artist Born and reared in New Orleans, the cradle of jazz, and an evacuee from Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Devin Phillips intense affair with the saxophone began at the age of eight. At 14, he was accepted into the prestigious New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, whose alumni include Wynton and Branford Marsalis, Harry Connick, Jr. and Nicholas Payton. There, trained in music theory and multi-styles composition, he graduated in 2000 with top honors. Performing, touring and recording with top jazz artists, such as Wynton Marsalis, Eddie Palmieri, The Headhunters, the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra, musician Lenny Kravitz, and Los Hombres Caliente (with whom he recorded two award-winning albums) soon followed. His reputation as a sax man with intricate and rhythmically innovative sounds made him a popular feature at jazz festivals: Frances Jazz de Vien Festival; Tokyos JVC Jazz Festival; Itanbul's The Ruins; Spains Barcelona Jazz Festival; the Netherlands North Sea Jazz and the New Orleans Jazz Festival. In 2005, Phillips formed New Orleans Straight Ahead. But in August, Hurricane Katrina muted the music. With all gone, save his sax, and his family scattered throughout the U.S., Phillips evacuated to Portland and reformed New Orleans Straight Ahead with other musician evacuees. Since opening the 2006 Portland Jazz Festival, his signature sound has not only been featured on KMHD-FM jazz radio specials and Northwest festivals, but also in newspaper and magazine articles, as well as online articles. Phillips is one of the headline acts of the 2007 Portland Jazz Festival. Phillips also heads up a second band with strong connections to the New Orleans party sound. Notably a funk ensemble, the Devin Phillips Band, Phillips, is a five-to-six piece jazz funk group that performs music from Professor Longhair to the Headhunters. His debut album with New Orleans

Straight Ahead Devin Phillips: Wade in the Water" is now out and available on cdbaby.com. Featuring six originals, four standards and two traditional numbers, the CD, notes Tim Duroche of the awarding-winning newspaper Willamette Week, "showcases his suave dynamics of musicality, showmanship and swagger - as noted in the tradition of jazz's cradle as it is caged in frenzied, jazz modernity."

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