

## The Bass Mint Bros.

### BAND STORY

"What do you get if you take a jazz organ trio, some old school musicianship, and some music software? The Bass Mint Bros, easily one of the most dynamic dance music groups to emerge in the industry. In the tradition of Booker T. & The MGs "Green Onion," and Herbie Hancock's "Head Hunters;" their forthcoming debut, *Sketches Of A Neighborhood*, offers a funky, jazzy, ambient musical journey through a Saturday in the life of an underground club musician/ disc jockey. Using vintage, live instruments to create an album the blurs the genres of ambient house/ Afro-Beat, break-beat and jazz. The Bass Mint Bros. are a trio of Real Book reared jazz and soul musicians from New York, now living in The Boston area (Except for Yusef, who visits frequently from the Bronx). All having grown up together in the Northeast Bronx, and occasionally playing together in neighborhood bands at block parties and talent shows; and later playing recording sessions for producers, as uncredited, poorly paid (if at all) contributors to hundreds of hip-hop, trip-hop, jazz, house, funk and r&b/soul projects. It was all so serendipitous: Bassist/ guitarist, Barry Hughes, and keyboardist/ percussionist, Yusef Bey were watching the documentary, "Standing In The Shadows of Motown"; and pianist/ composer Mwalim was listening to some old favorite hip-hop CDs from the early 1990's that sampled bebop and hard-bop jazz, and it all seemed to click at the same time... let's cut an instrumental record! Over the course of three weeks, with some 'borrowed' music software, some vintage instruments and serious jamming, The BASS MINT BROS explore the genres of jazz



### STATS

Visits	Plays
406	316
Streams	Downloads
316	0

### Featured Songs

- 1  **Valley Park Groove** Jazz
- 2  **Blue Smoke In The Park** Jazz

BRUCE explore the genres of jazz, soul, house, and acid/ nu-jazz, with their debut mixtape/CD "Sketches Of A Neighborhood" featuring seven straight up sample-worthy cuts, often visiting the 24-bar, hip-hop song form. Expected for release in Spring 2008. According to Rogelio Cruz of The Rare Groove Loft, "...any rappers worth their microphones should be lining up to drop lyrics over these beats, as the three cuts I heard ("Awakened by the Noon Day Sun," "The Corner Store," and "2 Cheese Slices & A Drink.") are truly sample-worthy efforts." "

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