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Delfeayo Marsalis - Crescent City Jewels 84

O's Notes: New Orleans based trombonist, bandleader Delfeayo Marsalis leads his Uptown Jazz Orchestra for Crescent City Jewels, a collection of sixteen of the many gifts New Orleans has presented the world! They have the party spirit throughout the set, especially on “Ooh Poo Pah Doo” with guest Kermit Ruffins! Bassist Chris Severin sets the tone on “High Cotton”, a prelude to Tonya Boyd-Cannon’s soulful vocals on a funky take of “Summertime”. Branford Marsalis serves up a couple of rich solos notably swinging on “Inner Urge”. There’s too much to list and even more to enjoy here!