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Concerto for Marimba and Percussion Ensemble Mvt. I.....Ney Rosauero

Brian Phillips, soloist

Yellow After the Rain.....Mitchell Peters

Bailey Noble, marimba

Marimba Flamenca.....Alice Gomez

Nick Bowden, marimba

Concerto for Vibraphone and Percussion Ensemble Mvt. III.....Ney Rosauero

Garrett Stannard, soloist

Ghanaia.....Gordon Stout

Renee Honn, marimba Garrett Stannard, djembe

Divertimento for Marimba and Alto Saxophone.....Akira Yuyama

Brian Phillips, marimba Jessie Leek, alto saxophone

Tortoise Efficiency.....Brad Dutz

Ray Brinker, Kenny Sager and Michael Waldrop, drums/percussion

Suite for Drumset and Percussion Ensemble.....Dave Mancini

Ray Brinker, soloist

Ray Brinker is an alumnus of the heralded North Texas State University's (now University of North Texas) Jazz Studies program, and performed as a member of NTSU's Grammy-nominated 1 O'Clock Lab Band. Upon graduation, Ray toured worldwide with jazz high-note trumpet player Maynard Ferguson before moving to the west coast, where he has become a staple in the Los Angeles studio scene.

Ray's performing and recording credits feature a diverse roster of artists, including Pat Benatar, Joe Cocker, David Lee Roth, Cinderella, Woody Herman, Brian Setzer, Jack Sheldon, Anita O'Day, Diane Shure, Randy Brecker, Mitch Forman, Chris Walden Big Band, Wayne Bergeron Big Band, Frank Gambale, Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band, Christian Jacob Trio, Tom Kubis Big Band, Veronique Sanson, Ray Charles, and countless others. Recently Ray recorded Ray Charles' 8-time Grammy Award-winning "Genius Loves Company" CD, featuring James Taylor, Norah Jones, Bonnie Raitt, Natalie Cole, Michael McDonald, Johnny Mathis, Dianna Krall, and others, as well as the soundtrack for the movie "Ray", the Ray Charles story.

Other film credits include Shrek, Chicken Run, Dear God, The Alamo, Brother Bear, Lilo & Stitch, Pluto Nash, Assault On Precinct 13, and Ray is heard on countless TV credits.

Ray has performed as a founding member, drummer, and co-arranger for the Tierney Sutton Band for 14 years, including 8 CDs and a Grammy Nomination for "I'm With The Band", the band's first live recording, recorded at New York's famous Birdland jazz club. He is a proud endorser of Yamaha Drums, Zildjian Cymbals,