

Randy Brecker and Bill Evans –Soul Bop Featuring Medeski, Martin and Wood

+ Terence Blanchard

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Barbican Hall

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In the first half of this stunning double bill expect fast and furious post-bop from latter-day New Orleans hero **Terence Blanchard**, well-known for his Grammy-nominated film scores for Spike Lee. He returns with his super-charged band following a triumphant London Jazz Festival performance last year.

"Blanchard's players yield nothing in terms of spry wit. Drummer Kendrick Scott was a miracle of controlled power. But there was a gravity to the music, too, above all in the heroic brazen blasts of Blanchard himself." **The Daily Telegraph**

A special one-off collaboration in the second half brings **Soulbop**, the constantly evolving jazz powerhouse driven by **Randy Brecker** and **Bill Evans** into the world of **Medeski Martin and Wood** – the hottest horn section in jazz meet MMW's stratospheric collision of jazz, funk, avant-noise and deep soul grooves.

Separately and together, trumpeter Brecker and saxophonist Evans have been at the heart of some of the essential music of the past four decades – whether as half of the Brecker Brothers, or Evans' stint as sideman with Miles, or with the likes James Taylor, Bruce Springsteen, Miles Davis, Herbie Hancock, Mick Jagger, Parliament, and countless acoustic and electric jazz sessions the world over. Their stellar talents promise to create a fascinating mix with the musical prowess, fluidity and sheer genre-busting bravado of Medeski, Martin & Wood

'For those who like their jazz with a heavy dose of funk and fusion energy, Soulbop is just what the doctor ordered.' **All About Jazz**



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