

HOT 8 BRASS BAND - AIN'T NO SUNSHINE

**HOT 8 BRASS BAND ANNOUNCE NEW ALBUM 'BIG TUBA' WITH
THEIR COVER OF BILL WITHERS "AIN'T NO SUNSHINE"**



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TRUDD639 / Hot 8 Brass Band - Ain't No Sunshine / Digital Single
Release Date: Thursday 5th December

TRULP462X / TRU462D / TRUCD462 / Hot 8 Brass Band - 'Big Tuba' / Album (Digital, Vinyl, CD)
Release Date: Friday 28th February

Praise for Hot 8 Brass Band...

"It was up roaringly brilliant, joyous and infectious. They got everybody on their feet" – **STEVE MCQUEEN (DIRECTOR OF 12 YEARS A SLAVE, SHAME, SMALL AXE, AND HUNGER)**

"One of the great live bands... love this" – **JAMIE CULLUM (BBC RADIO 2)**

"Bringing those funky vibes!" – **CRAIG CHARLES (BBC RADIO 6)**

"A soulful cover of a classic, I just love it" – **ED ADOO (BBC 5LIVE)**

"A triumphant return to the studio, brimming with raucous, sharp-edged attitude" – **THE OBSERVER**

"Loose-limbed, hard-hitting... rhythms shimmy like a savvy street dancer, and the horns play tight harmonies that glow like strong sunshine." – **THE WALL STREET JOURNAL**

"An ode to heroes and contemporaries alike from their storied 20-plus year career" – **BILLBOARD**

"The funkier exponents of the New Orleans Mardi Gras tradition." – **THE TIMES**

New Orleans Grammy winners Hot 8 Brass Band breathe new life into **Bill Withers'** classic "**Ain't No Sunshine**" with their signature brass second-line sound and announce their upcoming album '**Big Tuba**' (out **Friday 28th February**). This cover, with Frank Williams on vocals, is a heartfelt homage inspired by the loss of **Bennie Pete** and several influential women in the band's lives.

"**Ain't No Sunshine**" will be accompanied by a **music video**, set to premiere at **6 PM BST on Wednesday, 11th December** ([unlisted link here](#), embargoed until 11/12/24). The video features the band reflecting on the late **Bennie Pete's** impact, alongside **Big Chief Sunpie Barnes** and **Second Chief Zohar Israel** from **The Northside Skull and Bone Gang** in New Orleans. The gang kicks off **Mardi Gras Day** by marching through **Tremé's 6th Ward** in skeleton suits, butcher aprons, and papier-mâché skulls, honouring the dead, celebrating life, and warning teens about violence. A moving and beautifully crafted video brought to life by **FatHappy Media**.

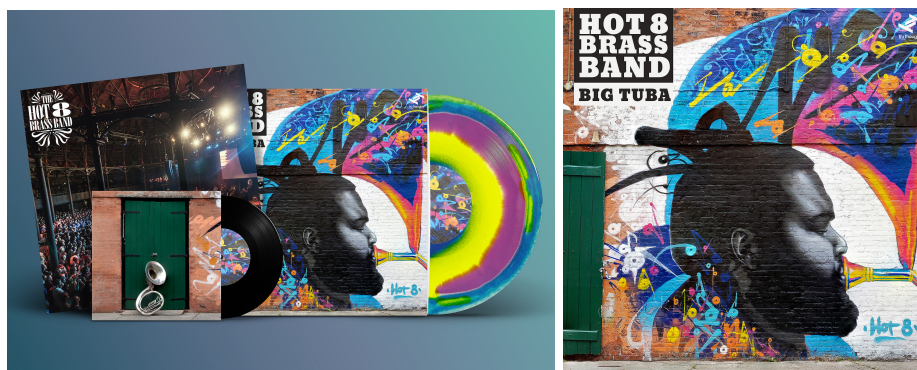
The album will feature the previous single and title track, “**Big Tuba**,” marking the band’s first new music since 2019 and paying tribute to the late **Bennie Pete**, co-founder and sousaphone player. The album includes **nine tracks** on vinyl, with an additional track, “**Let’s Stay Together**”, available digitally. The release comes on **3-Colour A-Side/B-Side vinyl**, along with a **12” poster insert** and an **exclusive 7”** featuring covers of **Marvin Gaye’s “Sexual Healing” (Bossman Edit)** and **Al Green’s “Let’s Stay Together,”** both making their vinyl debut.

The band will be touring the **East Coast, Europe, the UK, and Ireland** in 2025 as part of the **Big Tuba Tour**, following a series of dates along the **US West Coast**. This tour builds on the success of their previous sold-out tours, including the **Bossman Tour** (2023), **Mardi Gras** (2020), and **Take Cover** (2019), which featured sold-out shows at venues like **London’s Roundhouse** and **Brighton Dome**.

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Drawing on the traditional jazz heritage of their hometown of **New Orleans**, **Hot 8 Brass Band** are renowned for including elements of funk, hip hop, rap and its local variation, “*bounce*”, in their music. The collective earned a win in the **64th Annual Grammy Awards 2022** for their feature on **John Batiste’s ‘Album of The Year’**, following the nomination of their ‘**The Life & Times Of...**’ LP for ‘**Best Regional Roots Album**’ in **2013**.

Transcending genres and trends, **Hot 8** have performed and collaborated with the likes of **Jon Batiste**, **The Blind Boys of Alabama**, **Basement Jaxx** and **Alice Russell**, and provided live support for **Mos Def**, **Lauryn Hill** and **Mary J Blige**. Since forming they have seen significant support from tastemakers and journalists around the world, including BBC 6 Music DJ **Craig Charles**, a long-time fan. After a festive appearance Live at **Maida Vale** for **Lauren Laverne (BBC 6 Music)**, the Hot 8 Brass Band performed for **Jools Holland’s** annual **Hootenanny** on BBC Two to welcome in 2019. Later that year, after taking to the stage at the **BRIT awards** in February, Hot 8 Brass Band were invited on the European leg of **George Ezra’s** tour. In 2023, the **Hot 8 Brass Band** also performed with **Jon Batiste** at the **Gates Foundation Goalkeepers Festival** and played dates in **South America** at **Festival Petronio Álvarez** and in **Australia** at both **Perth International** and **Melbourne Jazz Festival**, where they filmed a music video for “**Fight Song**”, taken from the upcoming album.



HOT BRASS BAND - BIG TUBA Tracklist

Vinyl

- A1: Big Tuba [3:40]
- A2: Fight Song [6:29]
- A3: La Jean (Largent) [5:51]
- A4: Ain't No Sunshine [5:52]
- B1: West Lawn Dirge [6:14]
- B2: Miss Alberta [6:17]
- B3: Respect My Mind [4:22]
- B4: Midway [3:30]
- B5: In The Place To Be [3:59]

Digital

- 1: Big Tuba
- 2: Fight Song
- 3: La Jean (Largent)
- 4: Ain't No Sunshine
- 5: West Lawn Dirge
- 6: Miss Alberta
- 7: Respect My Mind
- 8: Midway
- 9: In The Place To Be
- 10: Let's Stay Together

7”

- 7” A. Sexual Healing [Bossman Edit]
- 7”AA. Let's Stay Together

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BIG TUBA TOUR

EAST COAST

February/March 2025

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Tuesday, February 11 - Somerville, MA - Arts at the Armory
Wednesday, February 12 - Burlington, VT - Higher Ground
Thursday, February 13 - Syracuse, NY - The Song & Dance
Friday, February 14 - Buffalo, NY - Rec Room Buffalo
Saturday, February 15 - Ithaca, NY - Deep Dive
Sunday, February 16 - New York, NY - (le) poisson rouge
Tuesday, February 18 - Pittsburgh, PA - Pittsburgh Winery
Wednesday, February 19 - Philadelphia, PA - World Cafe Live
Thursday, February 20 - Washington, DC - Pearl Street Warehouse
Friday, February 21 - Richmond, VA - Richmond Music Hall at Capital Ale House
Saturday, February 22 - Durham, NC - Motorco
Tuesday, February 25 - Greenville, SC - The Radio Room
Wednesday, February 26 - Atlanta, GA - The Masquerade
Thursday, February 27 - Charleston, SC - Charleston Pour House
Friday, February 28 - Orlando, FL - The Abbey
Saturday, March 1 - Tampa, FL - The Orpheum

UK & IRELAND

March 2025

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Saturday, March 15 - Liverpool, England - The Dome
Sunday, March 16 - Newcastle, England - Wylam Brewery
Monday, March 17 - Edinburgh, Scotland - Summerhall

Wednesday, March 19 - Sheffield, England - Network
Thursday, March 20 - Manchester, England - The Ritz
Friday, March 21 - Birmingham, England - Castle & Falcon
Saturday, March 22 - Bristol, England - The Academy
Sunday, March 23 - Cardiff, Wales - Tramshed

Tuesday, March 25 - Leeds, England - Brudenell Social Club
Wednesday, March 26 - Dublin, Ireland - The Academy
Thursday, March 27 - Nottingham, England - Rescue Rooms
Friday, March 28 - Brighton, England - Brighton Dome
Saturday, March 29 - London, England - Shepherds Bush Empire

EUROPE

March/April 2025

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Monday, March 31, 2025 – Cologne, Germany – CBE
Tuesday, April 1, 2025 – Groningen, Netherlands – Simplon Main Hall
Wednesday, April 2, 2025 – Amsterdam, Netherlands – Melkweg OZ
Thursday, April 3, 2025 – Liège, Belgium – Reflektor
Friday, April 4, 2025 – Tourcoing/Lille, France – Grand Mix
Saturday, April 5, 2025 – Paris, France – Gaité Lyrique
Sunday, April 6, 2025 – Basel, Switzerland – Sudhaus

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – Hamburg, Germany – MOJO
Wednesday, April 9, 2025 – Copenhagen, Denmark – Pumpehuset
Thursday, April 10, 2025 – Berlin, Germany – Sälchen

Saturday, April 12, 2025 – Warsaw, Poland – Niebo
Sunday, April 13, 2025 – Prague, Czech Republic – Rock Cafe
Monday, April 14, 2025 – Vienna, Austria – WUK

LINKS:

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NEW HOT 8 BRASS BAND AT **MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL**

"LOVE WILL TEAR US APART" **VIDEO**

"GET UP" **VIDEO**

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ST. JAMES INFIRMARY **VIDEO**

"SEXUAL HEALING" OFFICIAL **VIDEO** (4.6 MILLION+ VIEWS)

"CAN'T NOBODY GET DOWN" **VIDEO**

"GET UP (LIVE)" **VIDEO**

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