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1. *Bourbon Street Parade* (5:52) 2. *Blow, Blow Tenor* (3:18) 3. *Whoopin' Blues* (3:10) 4. *I'll Fly Away* (3:51) 5. *Over In The Gloryland* (4:38) 6. *Dreamboat* (3:33) 7. *It's All Over Now* (4:56) 8. *St. James Infirmary Blues* (4:48) 9. *Dinah* (4:59) 10. *Treme Second Line (Blow Da Whistle)* (5:48) 11. *Saints (Street Beat)* (2:45)

"Putumayo" is the name of a region in southwestern Colombia, of the river that runs between it and the land of Ecuador, and is the Quechua word for any river that flows profusely. In North America, the word Putumayo is associated with a company that sells fine imported clothing and produces a wonderfully diverse series of world music CDs with colorful, impossible-to-ignore packaging. Putumayo put out an anthology of New Orleans music in 2005, a New Orleans Christmas collection in 2006, and a New Orleans Brass album in 2007. Brass wind instruments have played an important role in the music of New Orleans since the Spanish-American War, and were vital tools for the development of jazz during the first half of the 20th century.

Putumayo's New Orleans Brass collection taps the contemporary scene for a characteristically pleasurable range of rhythms and moods. The lineup includes the Dirty Dozen Brass Band with Dr. John, Kermit Ruffins, James and Troy Andrews, the Yockamo All-Stars, Leroy Jones, and John Boutté. Artists performing in perhaps slightly more old-fashioned styles are Glen Andrews & the Lazy Six, the Preservation Hall Hot 4, Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews, Bob French's Original Tuxedo Band with Leon "Kid Chocolate" Brown, and the Dukes of Dixieland, a much hipper-sounding ensemble than the mainstream Dixie pop group of the same name that made million-selling LPs during the 1950s and '60s. Once again, Putumayo offers substantial, accessible music to groove and move to, this time in the form of a good healthy shot of soulful sounds right up off of the streets of New Orleans, Louisiana. ---arwulf arwulf, Rovi

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