

Brian Drye

Trombonist and pianist Brian Drye leads the group Bizingas whose debut album was hailed as “one of the best introductions to a new band” by The New York Times. As a founding member of the eclectic chamber ensemble “The Four Bags”, his compositions have premiered at Lincoln Center, Symphony Space and BAM. Brian has lent his unique trombone voice to groups as diverse as balkan brass juggernauts Slavic Soul Party and Frank London's Klezmer Brass Allstars. He has performed and recorded on both piano and trombone with Tony award winner Stew from Stew and the Negro Problem.

Brian has performed with Billy Martin (Medeski, Martin and Wood), Steven Bernstein, Clark Terry, The Wood Brothers. Brian spent his formative years touring the nation with The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Paul Anka and The Four Tops.

In 2008 Brian created Ibeam Brooklyn, a performance space and home for creative music in Brooklyn, NY. Brian is a teaching artist for Carnegie Hall and has worked as a coach and mentor for music educators throughout New York City.