



Lance Ellis



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BIOGRAPHY

A good way to go about explaining the life and experiences of a New Orleans musician would be to view it through his eyes as a student, under the watchful command of Ellis Marsalis. Feel all the spirit of a U.S. mailman delivering an instrumental introduction of the Louis Armstrong postage stamp. Listen to the intensity of a tenor sax player following in the footsteps of the late, great saxophonist Charles Miller. Lance Ellis is this musician. Lance, a former New Orleans postal worker, felt the musical spirit from a young age, learning jazz improvisation techniques from Ellis Marsalis and playing in Mardi Gras parades with his high school and college marching bands. Later, while working for the U.S. Post Office, he and his twin brother Larry both performed with the Postal Service Jazz Ensemble, and Lance helped organize the presentation ceremony for the Louis Armstrong commemorative postage stamp.

During this time, moonlighting on Bourbon Street and riverboats allowed him to master his instrument and to retire to pursue music full time - and there's been no looking back! Lance has shared the stage with and has lent his unique talents to the legendary 70's funk/soul band WAR, the original Meters and Neville Brothers, Mem Shannon, keyboardist Art Neville, Funky Meter bassist George Porter Jr., and Zydeco rhythm & blues master Chubby Carrier to name a few. In addition to his two solo CD's, he appears on a number of other recordings by his fellow New Orleans musicians. Besides recording and performing in the U.S., Lance has had the good fortune of touring England, Germany, France, Holland, Austria, and Canada, contributing to history-making shows with WAR and Chubby Carrier. From funk and blues to jazz and zydeco, Lance has played with some of the best. In addition to his musical abilities, Lance has appeared in various commercials and print ads. Lance is the consummate entertainer; he has a vibe that makes everyone smile. His unmatched musical talent is only enhanced by his onstage presence, involving the audience and making the music come alive.



RESUME

Lance Ellis has had roles in movies and has appeared in several commercials for local and national companies

Movie Roles and Appearances:

Runaway Jury – Movie
Ray – Movie
Treme- HBO Series
Crossroads - Movie

Commercials: (Print and Television)

Zatarain's –Print and Television
Chinet –Television
Harrahs Casino – Print Advertisement
Rooms to Go – Television
Popeyes – Television
Cabela's – Television

In addition to recording several CDs under his own name, Lance has contributed to the recordings of other musicians and bands.

Music Recordings:

George Porter Jr and The Runnin Partners– "Things Ain't What They Used to Be"
Mem Shannon – "A Cab Drivers Blues"
Lowrider Band – "9 to 5" , "Ordinary Man"
Chubby Carrier & The Bayou Swamp Band "Too Hot To Handle"
Sunpie and The Louisiana Sun Spots – "Island Man"
Timothea – "School of Hard Knocks"
Clark Knighten "Treasures of New Orleans at Christmas"
Lance Ellis – "Just Curious", "Never Would Have Made It", "Thinking of You", "Lance Ellis and Friends Live", Lance Ellis and Friends A Blast From the Past", "Can't Run Can't Hide".

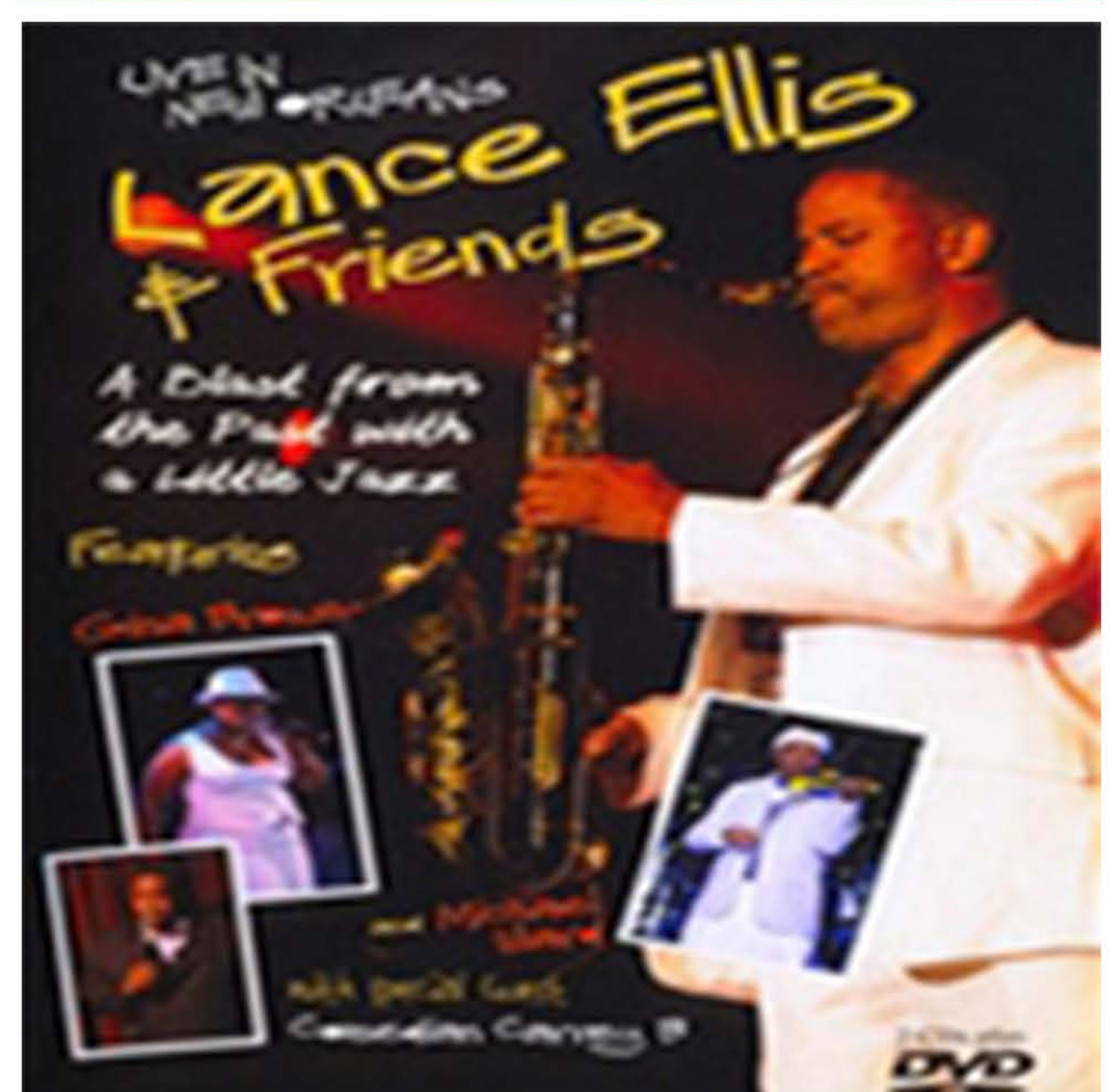
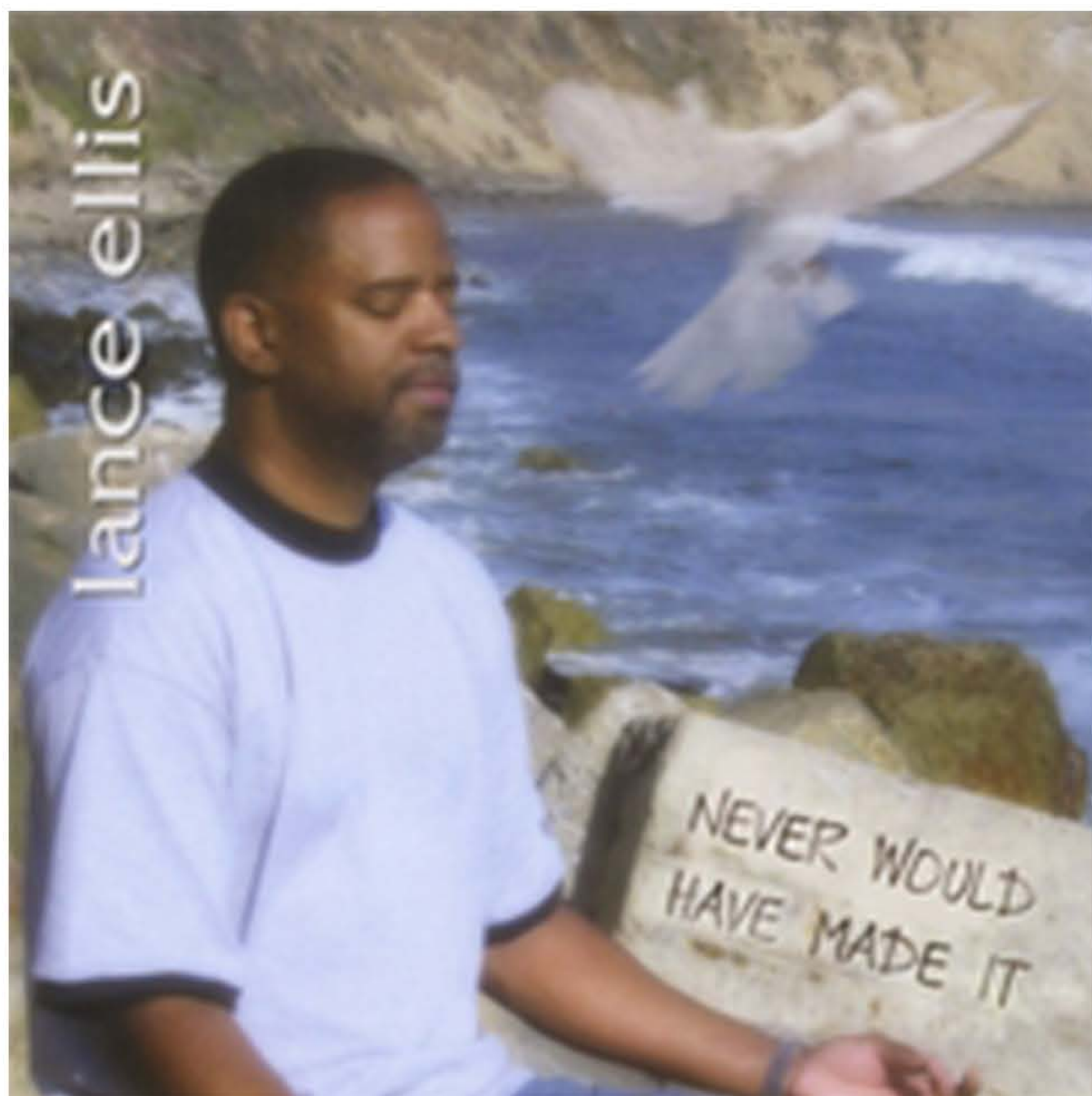
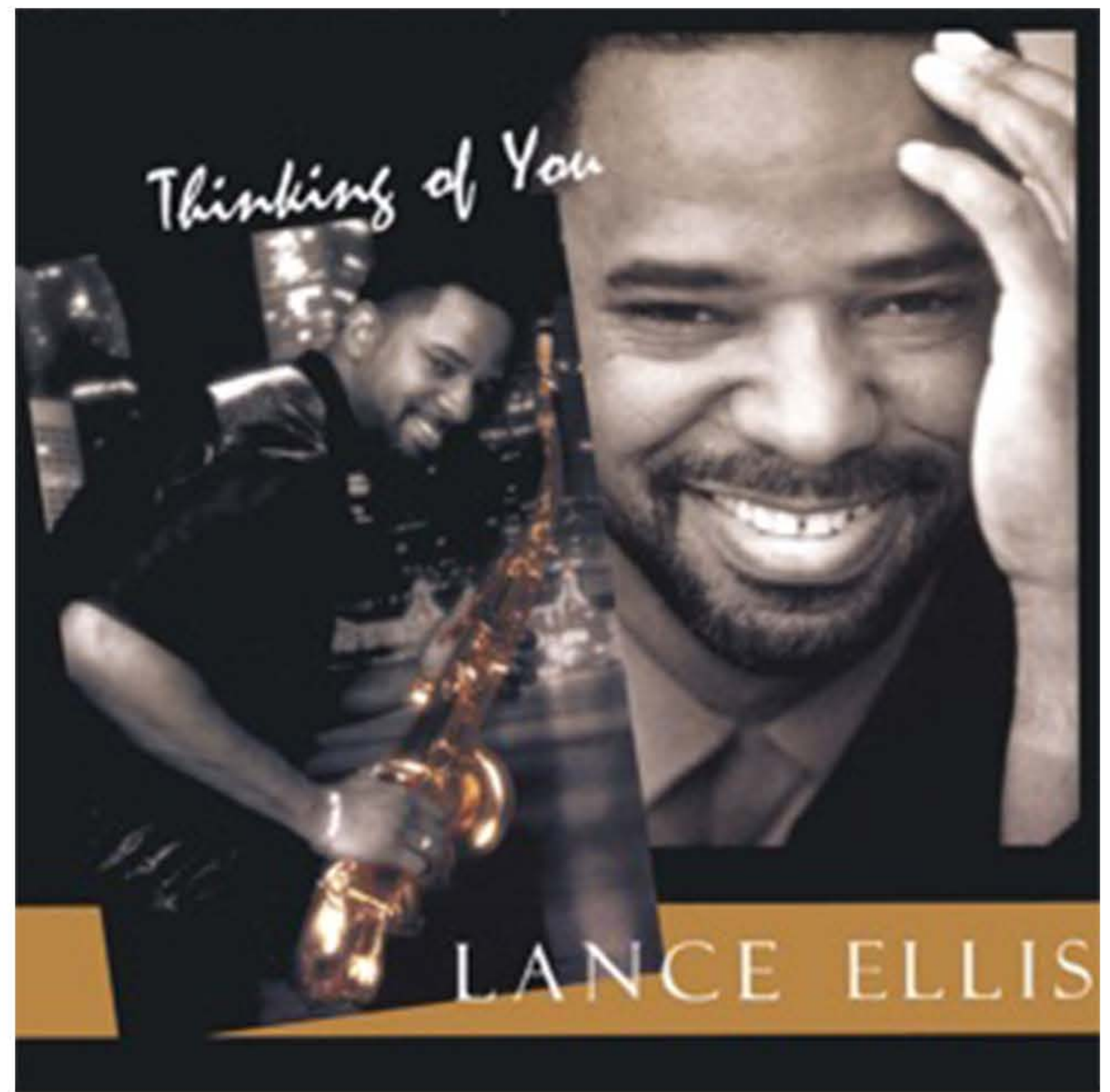
Miscellaneous Appearances:

WWL TV Morning Show
Joy Theater Grand Opening Concert
WUPL TV Commercial ad
Harrah's Casino Theater (Musical Concert)

Music Videos:

"Outside Mind"
Lance Ellis in "Voodoo Love"
Mind Body & Spirit (meditation)

DISCOGRAPHY



FILM~TV~ PRINT

A few Highlights

Lance Ellis played the saxophone during the 'Mess Around' scene in the movie Ray, starring Jamie Foxx.



Lance Ellis is the Zatarain's Man for print, billboards and commercials.

Lance Ellis is the Sax Man for Louisiana Travel.



Lance Ellis is featured completely covering the vans for Harrah's Casino.

A few Highlights

PLAYS WITH:

Currently a member of The Lowrider Band, formerly the 1970's group WAR.



“ Lance Ellis is one of my favorite saxophone players and I love playing gigs with him.” Lee Oskar, Harmonica Player - The Low Rider Band

Currently plays with Mem Shannon & the Membership Band



“ If you want a full robust voice on the saxophone - Lance Ellis is the one to call.” Mem Shannon -New Orleans Artist

Currently touring with Terrance Simien and the Zydeco Experience.



“ Performing an uninterrupted 3 hr set before a capacity crowd, Ellis was at his absolute best, playing... in a wide range of genres.” David M. Shapiro Harrahs Show Reviews

Lance Ellis & Friends previously Live at Harrahs Casino.





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