

## For Immediate Release

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### ROY HARGROVE - 2-TIME GRAMMY WINNER - TO RELEASE 'EARFOOD' JULY 29

#### Major Summer Tour to Include SummerStage in Central Park on August 2, and Chicago, Playboy, Toronto, and Detroit Jazz Festivals

New York, NY— Trumpeter **Roy Hargrove** offers *sound nutrition* with ***Earfood*** - his new album which features 13-tracks - more than half of the tunes are original compositions. The album is set for release by the **Emarcy/Groovin' High** on **July 29, 2008**. Hargrove's musical upbringing of gospel, r&b, funk, and soul comes through, whether he's playing with **Slide Hampton** or **Erykah Badu**. He may be the most prominent jazz musician involved in major hip-hop and r&b recordings.

The originals "**Strasbourg/St. Denis**" and "**Joy Is Sorrow Unmasked**" and the covers "**Mr. Clean**" (Weldon Irvine Jr) and "**Bring It On Home**" (Sam Cooke) are stand out tracks. Backing Hargrove is his touring band which consists of **Justin Robinson** (alto saxophone & flute), **Gerald Clayton** (piano), **Danton Boller** (bass) and **Montez Coleman** (drums). ***Earfood*** was produced by **Larry Clothier** and Hargrove, it was recorded and mixed by the legendary engineer **Al Schmitt** and was mastered by **Doug Sax**.

Hargrove effortlessly flows from 'straight-ahead' jazz to pop, funk, R & B, and back. Hargrove defies labeling because he transcends it. He has recorded and collaborated with wide range of musicians including **Herbie Hancock, Sonny Rollins, Michael Brecker, Diana Ross, Diana Krall, Kenny Rankin, John Mayer, D'Angelo, Common** and **Gilles Peterson**.

He won his first **Grammy** (Best Latin Jazz Performance) for 1997's *Habana*, with his Latin Cuban band, Crisol, and his second Grammy (Best Jazz Instrumental Album) for 2002's *Directions in Music* with Herbie Hancock and Michael Brecker.

Hargrove, who has been touring non-stop with his Quintet, Big Band, and the Dizzy Gillespie All-Star Big Band, among others, has been confirmed to perform at the **Central Park SummerStage** on Saturday, August 2, 2008. Hargrove will also make stops at the **Chicago Jazz Festival** (May 26), **Playboy Jazz Festival** (June 15), **Toronto Jazz Festival** (June 26), and **Detroit Jazz Festival** (August 31).

After picking up the trumpet in the fourth grade, Hargrove was "discovered" by **Wynton Marsalis** while a junior at Dallas's prestigious Booker T. Washington School for the Visual and Performing Arts. He made his solo debut in 1990 on **Novus/RCA**; he made his **Verve Records** debut in 1994 and has recorded eight albums for the venerable label, including 2006's double release, ***Distractions*** featuring the contemporary funk/jazz sounds of the RH Factor, and ***Nothing Serious***.

Roy Hargrove - ***Earfood*** - Track Listing:

1. I'm Not So Sure
2. Brown
3. Strasbourg/St. Denis
4. Starmaker
5. Joy Is Sorrow Unmasked
6. The Stinger
7. Rouge
8. Mr. Clean
9. Style
10. Divine
11. To Wisdom The Prize
12. Speak Low
13. Bring It On Home To Me (Live)