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Firstly, Thank you! Rebirth Brass Band was a MAJOR WOW in Syracuse this past weekend!

Our audiences were blown away. And while each of last Friday's stellar Syracuse performances by Rebirth at the OCC campus were outstanding,...their workshop and talk back with student musicians after the first show was the proverbial icing on the cake.

After a blistering high energy set that included charts by Rebirth, Professor Longhair, Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, etc. these amazing artists shared their personal creative insights with audience and community members; and for me and for the kids and the local HS and college jazz band directors and educators in attendance, that workshop meant the world.

As a nation, it's so important that we preserve and carry on the New Orleans tradition, thereby promoting a greater understanding of the rich diversity that makes New Orleans culture, music and people - and ultimately America - so unique and special. But it's precisely the type of musical and arts education that helps make the continuation of New Orleans Arts & culture (and our shared humanity) possible.

As far as clinics and master classes go, we couldn't ask for better ambassadors than the members of Rebirth, who are all brilliant players, wonderful gentlemen, and articulate, knowledgeable and insightful jazz educators the first order. Can't thank you all enough.

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