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**Hypnotic Brass Ensemble:  
Seven Brothers from the South Side of Chicago  
Bring the Brass Band Tradition Mixed with Hip-Hop, Soul, and Funk  
To Tacoma's Rialto Theater on November 18**

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**TACOMA, WASH.** – Seven brothers from the South Side of Chicago and an extraordinary musical family, Hypnotic Brass Ensemble (HBE) will perform at Tacoma's Rialto Theater on November 18 at 7:30 p.m. The ensemble freely mixes the brass band tradition with generous doses of hip hop, soul, and funk, creating an intoxicating sound. [Tickets are on sale now.](#)

[HBE](#) began their musical training at the ages of four and five with their father, jazz trumpeter/band leader Kelan Phil Cohran (EARTH, WIND, & FIRE, CHAKA KHAN, SUN RA). They went on to form the Phil Cohran Youth Ensemble in 1990. While the group's early musical training primarily encompassed elements of instrumental performance, the brothers were personally exposed to the music of their own generation - hip-hop, rock, and reggae to name a few – which have now merged the cosmic jazz style of their father.

The ensemble's sound has spread throughout the industry, and after Emcee/actor Mos Def caught a live HBE show, the brothers were asked to join him onstage as part of the Mos Def Big Band. The brothers recorded the Gorillaz record with D.Albarn *Welcome to Plastic Beach* and joined the "Plastic Beach 2010 World T" upon its release, performing alongside Bobby Womack, Mick Jones from the Clash, De La Soul, and Snoop Dogg. They earned a spot backing up Prince at the New Power Generation Fest in Denmark, coming personally requested by The Artist himself.

The recent documentary film [Brothers Hypnotic](#), explores their music, work ethic, life and experience of being raised by their jazz legend father. After screening in major cities and festivals, it aired on PBS. One of their songs, "War", became a featured song on the international blockbuster movie *Hunger Games*.

They are gearing up to release a new installment entitled *Bad Boys of Jazz*.

[Tickets for Hypnotic Brass Ensemble are on sale now and start at \\$29.](#) To purchase tickets call the Broadway Center Box Office at 253.591.5894, toll-free 1.800.291.7593, online at [BroadwayCenter.org](http://BroadwayCenter.org), or in person at 901 Broadway in Tacoma's Theater District.

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