



Rashawn Ross (born January 16, 1979) is an American trumpeter and arranger from St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. Ross is arguably best known for his contributions in the Dave Matthews Band. After his graduation from the Berklee College of Music (1996-2000), Ross has worked with artists in many different

genres of music ranging from funk, rock, jazz, hip hop, gospel and country music. Some of the notable artists with whom Ross has supported include Yerba Buena, Soulive, Lettuce, and DJ Quik.

On July 18th, 2005 Ross first appeared on stage with the Dave Matthews Band, performing Louisiana Bayou from the album Stand Up. He continued to appear sporadically throughout 2005, with his workload increasing as the tour progressed. Initially, he joined the band on the road for the December 2005 final run of the tour, culminating in a 12 song appearance at the final stop of the tour. In 2006 Ross joined the band full-time on the road, performing at all full band tour dates of the year, as well as contributing backing vocals as his contributions increased by the tour's end.. Ross has appeared at every performance since 2006 as trumpet player and background vocals. As of 2009 Ross has appeared with the Dave Matthews Band for over 200 shows (since 2005). Through 2009 Rashawn was a touring member, but for 2010 he is not notated as an additional musician on the published set lists of the band. Fans¹ assume this to mean Rashawn is now a full time member of Dave Matthews Band. His presence has been of particular importance since the death of saxophonist LeRoi Moore, a Dave Matthews Band founding member and is essential in carrying on the "section sound" that Moore strove to build.

Some of the other artists he has performed with include: The Fugees, Maceo Parker, Christian McBride, Chaka Khan, Stevie Wonder, Willie Nelson, The Edge, Rodney Jerkins, Christina Milan, Fred Hammond, Sean Paul, Roy Hargrove, Nicholas Payton, Questlove, Mobb Deep, Talib Kweli, Common, Pharoah Monch, Mark Batson, Robert Randolph, Doug E. Fresh, B Real, Chingy, Nate Dogg, Kim

Burrell, Richard Smallwood, Kelly Price, James Hall, Meshell Ndegeocello, String Cheese Incident, Baaba Maal, Taj Mahal, and Femi Kuti.