THE MUSIC HYPE

David Bromberg's Band fantastic!!!



Jay, Tony, Dave, Bob and Billy at Castle Creek Ragfoto by Alan

Monday-The Transients at the Different Drummer-24th at Nueces a couple of years ago, he sang Jerry
Jeff's hit "Mr. Bojangles" and practically
ran it into the ground. Well, Bromberg
finally made it to Texas with his band of
jazz-city/country amazing musicians. A
sideman that played with Walker and Dylan,
Bromberg seems highly competent leading
his group while he plays guitar, mandolin,
fiddle, dobro and sings blues, bluegrass,
Dylan , traditional as well as his original.
New York city style. His sidemen include
Jay Ungar on mandolin and fiddle, Bob Gurland
one of the few walking trumpets, Billy Novick
on saxophones, clarinets, penny whistle and
harmonica, Tony Markellis on electric bass.
Together they play some of the finest music
heard since Uncle Walt's band passed through
from South Carolina hills. Bromberg has a
rather unique voice, if you can imagine Allen
Sherman and Neil Young emanating from the
tallest nebbish cartoon character this side
of a Virgo moon. Their new album Wanted
Dead or Alive on Columbia was enough to
make me curious if they could sound that
rantastic live; fascinated beyond bullshit
they really are excellent to be such a
bunch of relatively young swimmers.

Sitting in with Dave and group (OB's) was Jerry Jeff, Townes Van Zandt and Steve Keith (Mason Williams' fiddler) and listening in the audience was Willis Ramsey and Doug Sahm...enjoyable with just enough excitement when Jimmie Day sat in on pedal steel. Blind or deaf its still excellent music.



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