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**In the Band** The reality of jazz in the 21st century is that there are many talented players, but not enough long term collaborations between musicians sharing common musical values and a similar vision. The Vinson Valega Trio seeks to defy this trend, using its five years as a working group to carefully construct a book of original and standard songs that reflects their extensive experience together while

keeping in tune with each member's inventive style. Drummer and leader Vinson Valega describes the group as a trio that "suffuses a soulful approach with an airy aesthetic." Indeed, a typical set sees them shift between moods, using Anton Denner's highly expressive and fluent alto and Valega's and Gary Wang's (bass) creative and supportive rhythm section to realize compelling and seamless transitions. Tuesday, December 20, 9:30 pm-12:30 am at Detour, 349 E. 13th St., btwn. 1st & 2nd Aves. (212-533-6212; jazzatdetour.com). — Lee Metcalf. *Courtesy Vinson Valega*

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