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Bettendorf – The Pleasant Valley High School Band Program is excited to be hosting the internationally renowned Youngblood Brass Band live in concert on May 5, 2014. The concert will start at 7:00 in the Pleasant Valley High School Auditorium with PVHS Jazz Combos followed by an hour long set by the Youngblood Brass Band. The concert is an all-ages show and is open to the public. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students in grades K-12 and are available online at www.spartanbands.com.

Youngblood Brass Band flouts convention in an ecstatic, raucous, incendiary fashion, taking the form of a New Orleans brass band and morphing it into a punked-out hip-hop behemoth of groove and purpose. The ten-member ensemble, born in Madison, Wisconsin, now hails from all over the US (Madison, Brooklyn, Nashville, Minneapolis, Chicago) and has been unleashing their crash course in genre-bending on stages worldwide since 2000.

Youngblood has headlined countless tours in the States and abroad, selling out dates in over 20 countries. Their festival résumé reads like a list of the heaviest music events in the world: Roskilde, Glastonbury, Lowlands, Pukkelpop, SXSW, CMJ, North Sea Jazz, WOMAD...ad infinitum. Whitehot live shows secured the band's status as an incredible group to witness, whether in an intimate club setting or in front of thousands on a festival stage.

Youngblood's new album (the first in 5 years), Pax Volumi, sees the band partnering with Tru Thoughts, the Brighton UK label that includes a roster ranging from deep soul (Alice Russell) to hiphop (Ty) to straight-up New Orleans brass band (Hot 8), and the pairing couldn't be more

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apt. This album sees the band finally achieving not just its musical but its production aims, capturing the live intensity of the stage as well as crafting beats and rhymes that bang right out of the speakers. It's almost as if they spent the last 15 years getting ready to become THIS Youngblood Brass Band; as though everything in the past had led up to the creation of an album that defies classification, an album that couldn't be made by any other group. On stages in the states and overseas, the verdict has been issued: the band has never sounded so good. Youngblood Brass Band has become an institution, one that demands to be seen and heard.

This appearance of Youngblood Brass Band has been made possible, in part, through an educational grant from Griggs Music, Jupiter Band Instruments, XO Professional Brass, and Mapex Drums. Members of Youngblood Brass Band perform on Jupiter Saxophones, XO Brass, and Mapex Drums

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