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## EARTHLY MUSICAL MUSINGS BY GEORGE VARGA

At 38, Willie Jones III is a jazz drummer to reckon with. Now based in New York, this L.A. native ascended in the 1990s as a member of Black Note, a quintet that also featured current San Diego trumpet maestro Gilbert Castellanos. Jones went on to drum in the bands of vibraphonist Milt Jackson, trumpeters Arturo Sandoval and Roy Hargrove, and other luminaries.

To celebrate the release of his fine new album, "Volume III," he'll reunite with Castellanos for a Saturday gig at Dizzy's downtown. The joint, as they say, should be swinging hard.