



John Spragens: "JAM: Jazz in Motion"
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The Jazz in Motion series is an offshoot of a theme I've been exploring for more than five years now — performance portraits of musicians. Most of the photos I've taken have been of jazz musicians in the San Francisco Bay area, where I lived before moving to Eugene. After a few years of straight shooting, I started experimenting in more abstract directions, leaving the shutter open for long exposures as the musicians moved with the music, stage lights glinting off their instruments. There were plenty of misses, but many were gems, highlighting the energy that the musicians bring to their performances.