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WYNTON MARSALIS & THE JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA





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Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra

An evening of jazz standards

Wynton Marsalis trumpet Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra

Special Event Wed 24 Feb 8pm

Wynton Marsalis's Swing Symphony

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David Robertson conductor

Wynton Marsalis trumpet · Francesco Celata clarinet

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra



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Leila Josefowicz violin

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SPECIAL EVENT

WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY, 8PM
......SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE CONCERT HALL



Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis

Presented by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra

Wynton Marsalis trumpet (Music Director)

Ryan Kisor trumpet

Kenny Rampton trumpet

Marcus Printup trumpet

Vincent Gardner trombone

Chris Crenshaw trombone

Elliot Mason trombone

Sherman Irby alto & soprano saxophones, flute, clarinet

Ted Nash alto & soprano saxophones, flute, clarinet

Victor Goines tenor & soprano saxophones, clarinet,

bass clarinet

Walter Blanding $tenor\ \&\ soprano\ sax ophones,\ clarinet$

Paul Nedzela baritone & soprano saxophones,

bass clarinet

Dan Nimmer piano

Carlos Henriquez bass

Ali Jackson drums

Program to be announced from the stage

Pre-concert talk by John Morrison in the Northern Foyer at 7.15pm. For more information visit sydneysymphony.com/speaker-bios

Estimated durations: 50 minutes, 20-minute interval, 45 minutes The concert will conclude at approximately 10pm









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Wynton Marsalis
trumpet (Music Director)

Wynton Marsalis is the managing and artistic director of Jazz at Lincoln Center and a world-renowned trumpeter, composer, bandleader and educator. Born in New Orleans in 1961, he began his classical training on trumpet aged 12, entered the Juilliard School at 17, and soon after joined Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers.

He made his recording debut as a leader in 1982, and since then has recorded more than 60 jazz and classical recordings, which have won him nine Grammy Awards. In 1983 he became the first and only artist to win both classical and jazz Grammys in the same year and repeated this feat in 1984.

He is also an internationally respected teacher and spokesman for music education, and has received more than a dozen honorary doctorates from American universities and colleges. He has written six books, most recently Squeak, Rumble, Whomp! Whomp! Whomp!, illustrated by Paul Rogers, and Moving to Higher Ground: How Jazz Can Change Your Life with Geoffrey C Ward.

In 1997 he became the first jazz artist to be awarded the Pulitzer Prize in music for his oratorio Blood on the Fields, which was commissioned by Jazz at Lincoln Center. His orchestral compositions also include Swing Symphony, which was premiered by the Berlin Philharmonic in 2010.

In 2001 Wynton Marsalis was appointed Messenger of Peace by Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and he has been designated cultural ambassador to the United States of America by the US State Department through its CultureConnect program. He was instrumental in the Higher Ground Hurricane Relief concert, produced by Jazz at Lincoln Center. The event raised more than \$3 million for the Higher Ground Relief Fund to benefit the musicians, music industry-related enterprises, and other individuals and entities from the areas in Greater New Orleans who were affected by Hurricane Katrina. He also helped lead the effort to construct Jazz at Lincoln Center's home - Frederick P Rose Hall - which opened in October 2004 as the first education, performance and broadcast facility devoted to jazz.



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Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra

In 1987 Wynton Marsalis co-founded a jazz program at Lincoln Center. In 1996 Jazz at Lincoln Center was installed as a new constituent of Lincoln Center, equal in stature to the New York Philharmonic, Metropolitan Opera and New York City Ballet – a historic moment for jazz as an art form and for Lincoln Center as a cultural institution. In 2004, the Frederick P Rose Hall, adjacent to the Lincoln Center campus, was opened as the world's first institution for jazz and a hub for learning and performance.

The mission of Jazz at Lincoln Center is to entertain, enrich and expand a global community for Jazz through performance, education and advocacy. And the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra – comprising 15 of the finest jazz musicians today – has been its resident ensemble since 1988.

This remarkably versatile orchestra performs and leads educational events in New York, across the United States and around the globe – in concert halls, dance venues, jazz clubs and public parks, and appearing with symphony orchestras,

ballet companies, local students and an everexpanding roster of guest artists.

Television broadcasts of the orchestra's work, including eight Live from Lincoln Center programs, have helped broaden the awareness of its unique efforts in music. And nearly 20 recordings featuring the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis have been released internationally, including most recently Big Band Holidays and The Abyssinian Mass.

Under Music Director Wynton Marsalis, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra performs a vast repertoire, from rare historic compositions to works commissioned by Jazz at Lincoln Center, and including compositions and arrangements by Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Fletcher Henderson, Thelonious Monk, Mary Lou Williams, Dizzy Gillespie, Benny Goodman, Charles Mingus and many others.

www.jazz.org

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and the Big Band Tradition

In 1997 Wynton Marsalis became the first jazz artist to win the Pulitzer Prize for Music, awarded for the Jazz at Lincoln Center commission. Blood on the Fields. This three-hour oratorio for iazz orchestra and solo voices tells the story of Jesse and Leona and their long journey from captivity on board a slave ship, via 14 years of bondage on a Southern plantation, to their eventual escape to freedom. As tales go, it's about as epic as it gets, but Marsalis rose to the occasion in his musical treatment of the subject matter: with its Ellingtonian resonances and echoes of historical jazz styles, Blood on the Fields was described by one critic as 'a conversation with the history of jazz on its highest level'. The frame of reference is apt: Duke Ellington (who was famously - perhaps notoriously, depending on your point of view - snubbed during his lifetime by the Pulitzer board despite his seldom equalled contribution to American music) did much to push the boundaries of jazz composition and pioneered a range of extended formats.

Of course Ellington's presence had loomed large since jazz's early days, fostering its evolution from provincial folk music rooted in the blues to a worldwide popular music phenomenon. Initially a spontaneous ensemble style performed predominantly by amateurs to fulfil the growing need for occasional music in New Orleans, in the 1920s jazz acquired a range of stylistic and technical features that dance bands in the major cities would consolidate during the following decade. By the early 1930s, the growing sophistication of jazz's



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arrangements and its rhythmic drive had given birth to swing. Swing's compelling dance-ability proved wildly popular with Depression-era Americans eager to jitterbug their troubles away to the accompaniment of the big bands that defined the era: Fletcher Henderson, Count Basie, Chick Webb, Jimmie Lunceford. Swing made the leap across racial demarcation lines, and Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, Woody Herman and Tommy Dorsey became household names as the music moved into the commercial mainstream.

In addition to the 1930s being a time of great creative ferment, significant structural developments were at play. Among these was the increasing virtuosity of soloists and preponderance of trained musicians, adept at sight-reading. From a standard combo consisting of a handful of players, bands grew in size and instrumentation. The more successful undertook rigorous performing, touring and recording schedules, necessitating the implementation of strict rehearsal regimes and discipline codes. What had once been largely an aural tradition of collective improvisation became one in which written arrangements played an increasingly crucial role, and the repertoire grew to satisfy the demands of nightclub revellers, dancers and radio broadcasts.

Central to the success of the big bands was the talent of arrangers such as Fletcher Henderson (for both his own band and that of Benny Goodman), Don Redman and Sy Oliver. But in the realm of jazz composition and arranging, Duke Ellington occupies a place uniquely his own due to the breadth of his vision and diversity of his output. Among his thousands of compositions are to be found pieces in the exotic plungermuted style beloved of (white) patrons of the Cotton Club, tunes that acquired lyrics and became popular songs, concertante-style numbers to showcase his soloists (Clarinet Lament, Echoes of Harlem, Boy Meets Horn), concert suites, ballets, film scores and music for his Sacred Concerts of the late 1960s and early 70s.

It is this legacy of defying categorisation that Jazz at Lincoln Center upholds in its collaborations and commissioning of new works, an integral part of its programming alongside the preservation of historic compositions. Wynton Marsalis is passionate about his role as 'keeper of the flame' and, in addition to performances and recordings, Jazz at Lincoln Center presents television and radio broadcasts, lectures, film forums and music publishing. Central to JALC's educational focus is Essentially Ellington, a program designed for high

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school bands using original arrangements of Ellington band charts that have been transcribed from recordings. The program (rolled out to Australia in 2015) also features the work of other eminent arrangers and composers, including Count Basie, Dizzy Gillespie and Mary Lou Williams. Jazz at Lincoln Center describes the program as 'an attempt to preserve and honour the legacy of those artists who forged the big band genre'.

This mission extends to more recent decades. In the time-honoured fashion of mining the Great American Songbook, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra pays tribute not only to George Gershwin, possibly the most frequently interpreted songwriter in jazz, but also to more contemporary artists as diverse as Stevie Wonder, Donny Hathaway and the Beatles, maintaining the tradition of 'arranging any material for big band, making it swing hard and lacing it with mind-blowing improvisation'. Viewing contemporary culture as it is expressed in these songs through the jazz lens and subjecting it to the music's transcendent values is central to the Jazz at Lincoln Center ethos. As Marsalis puts it: 'Jazz is not merely music. Jazz is America – relationships, communication and negotiations.'

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Sydney Symphony Orchestra

David Robertson Chief Conductor and Artistic Director

Founded in 1932 by the ABC, the SSO has evolved into one of the world's finest orchestras as Sydney has become one of the world's great cities. Resident at the Sydney Opera House as well as performing throughout Sydney and NSW, the orchestra gives more than a hundred performances each year. International tours have earned the orchestra a worldwide recognition for artistic excellence and the Sydney Symphony Live label captures the orchestra's performances in recordings.

SSO concerts encompass performances of masterpieces from the classical repertoire. music by some of the finest living composers, and collaborations with quest artists from all genres of music and performance. These collaborations reflect the orchestra's versatility and diverse appeal, and highlights have included concerts with Human Nature. Ben Folds, the

Whitlams, Burt Bacharach, Dianne Reeves. George Benson, John Farnham, Sting and Rajaton, as well as violinist Nigel Kennedy and Japanese drumming ensemble TaikOz. The SSO also celebrates the role of the symphony orchestra in movies, television and video games with concerts such as Final Fantasy, Star Trek, John Williams, Battleship Potemkin, The Wizard of Oz, Bugs Bunny, Charlie Chaplin's Gold Rush, the Lord of the Rings trilogy, and more recently a concert featuring Danny Elfman's scores for Tim Burton films. In 2016 the SSO presents a new concert series. At the Movies, with three presentations of films with live orchestra.



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JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA

Last year, when Jazz at Lincoln Center founded its own label, Blue Engine Records, Wynton Marsalis was quoted as saying: 'In jazz, recordings are your identity.' If that's the case, then the JLCO has oodles of identity, with an archive of concert and studio recordings made since its founding in 1987, as well as more than 14 commercial releases to date.

The most recent releases from JLCO and Wynton Marsalis date from this year: *The Abyssinian Mass*, an inspiring composition by Marsalis for jazz orchestra and 70-piece gospel choir and featuring the Chorale Le Chateau.

BLUE ENGINE BE 0005

And Big Band Holidays, which captures the JLCO tradition of December concerts that explore the canon of Yuletide favourites with an all-star roster of guest vocalists. In this recording those guests are some of today's commanding new voices in jazz: René Marie, Gregory Porter and Cécile McLorin Salvant

BLUE ENGINE BE 0003

In 2010 the JLCO gave its first – and only – performances in Cuba, performing in front of a sold-out crowd in Havana. The resulting 2-CD album *Live in Cuba* was released last year and, as with most JLCO recordings, is also available for download from iTunes and Amazon.

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Wynton Marsalis's 12-movement Vitoria Suite was inspired by the Vitoria Festival in Spain, where he had performed on many occasions over its 25-year history. The music involved collaboration with flamenco artist Paco de Lucia in a clever mix of jazz and blues with traditional Basque music and flamenco.

JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER RECORDINGS (JALCR)

To hear the JLCO in more traditional fare, look for the recordings from the 1990s, including *Portraits* of Ellington, They Came to Swing and Live in Swing City: Swingin' with the Duke.

And for a comprehensive and well-organised online discography, head to wyntonmarsalis.org/discography

Broadcast Diary

March



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Wednesday 2 March, 8pm

RUSSIAN ROMANTICS (2015)

Vasily Petrenko conductor

Simon Trpčeski piano

Schultz, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff

Friday 4 March, 8pm

SIBELIUS 2 (2015)

David Robertson conductor

Andrew Haveron violin

Sculthorpe, Walton, Sibelius

Sunday 6 March, 1pm

SCHEHERAZADE: HER STORY CONTINUES

David Robertson conductor

Leila Josefowicz violin

Rimsky-Korsakov, Adams

Thursday 17 March, 8pm

LERIDA'S PLAYLIST

Andrew Haveron violin-director

Lerida Delbridge violin

including The Lark Ascending by Vaughan Williams

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Rachmaninoff chamber music with Dene Olding, the Goldner Quartet, soprano Joan Rodgers and Vladimir Ashkenazy at the piano. sso 200901



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Vladimir Ashkenazy conducts the complete *Romeo* and *Juliet* ballet music of Prokofiev – a fiery and impassioned performance. SSO 201205



Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto

In 2013 this recording with James Ehnes and Ashkenazy was awarded a Juno (the Canadian Grammy). Lyrical miniatures fill out the disc. SSO 201206



Tchaikovsky Second Piano Concerto

Garrick Ohlsson is the soloist in one of the few recordings of the *original* version of Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No.2. Ashkenazy conducts. SSO 201301



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