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GREGORY PORTER, *Vocals*

KENNY WASHINGTON, *Vocals*

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# Libretto

## I

### Calling The Indians Out

*Trouble in our own land, crimes against the human soul far too large for any describing words to hold.*

## II

### Move Over

*In a slave ship that darkly sways beneath the star of democracy, Jesse and Leona lie.*

*A captured man and woman, Jesse and Leona.*

PAULA WEST, *Vocal*

Leona: Move over.  
 Move over now.  
 Where are we?  
 Don't you hear me? Over  
 Anyone come close to me  
 Touch me. O  
 I think I hear a drum. I think I hear a drum  
 Playing, proudly, pounding, saying softly, come  
 I think I hear a drum, I think I –  
 Pain and evil all around me, O –  
 Over, move, move closer over  
 Touch me closer  
 O brown doom!!  
 Hear this cry  
 Pass on through  
 Blood wet womb  
 Rocking tomb, tomb, tomb, tomb,  
 tomb, tomb, tomb, tomb  
 Where are we? Am I? Are I? Am we? Am we??  
 I think I hear a drum, think I hear a drum  
 Think I hear a drum, think I hear the drums  
 That must be those drums singing on the wind  
 Take a me back my home I  
 That's the little one with the ringing tone  
 Slowly swaying  
 Taking me back, far away back my home.

No, that's not the sound my drums  
 Not the sound my drums—that is not a drum  
 Pounding in, pounding, pound, pound,  
 pound, pound, pound, O, NO  
 That same beat, that same damned beat of iron drums  
 No memory. Take a me back my  
 Stop it. Stop it. Stop it. Momma. Stop it. Stop it.  
 What are these things in my hair?

And everywhere. Mother, stop it. Stop it. Stop it. Stop it. Where did my little ones go! I'm down below. Demons are riding the wind, I, I can't, oh, no.

Momma, Mother, Mother.

Rocking tomb, Blood wet womb

Many cry, O brown doom, beg to die and do

Where are we, am I? Are we? Am we, am we?

Move over move, move closer over, touch me. Closer.

O, My head is spinning round and round  
 O my eyes just won't see. Demons come to eat me.

Take us back home, far, far away, think I hear

They're playing, proudly, pounding softly come

Pain and evil all around me O-over

Come closer, touch me, someone move over now.

## III

### You Don't Hear No Drums

KENNY WASHINGTON, *Vocal*

Jesse: Got no place to go  
 You don't hear no drums woman  
 Woman you don't hear no drum  
 All you hear. The clattering of broken bones and homes

Chorus: *(I think you better ride this wave on out)*

Jesse: Stop your whining common girl  
 Us sold us to this damned world  
 All you hear the echoes of dead voices final screams

Chorus: *(I think you better ride this wave on out)*

Jesse: I'm a prince, my heart is stone  
 Could not count the slaves I owned  
 All you hear, the mocking cry of past accomplishments  
*(I think you better ride this wave on out)*  
 Woman don't you beg me for no touch  
 Common girl don't ask me for no love  
 Low born woman  
 Hear me sayin'  
 Woman you don't hear no drums  
 Death bound river of blood flow  
 Reeking foul, stench down below  
 All you hear, the shrieking howls of so much misery  
 Agony wash over me  
 Chained to scum on troubled sea  
 All you hear. The splashing of your head against hard wood

Chorus: *(I think you better ride this wave on out)*

Jesse: Hear me once more common girl  
 In rage piss I on the world

## PROGRAM

All you hear is gasping silence of people  
choking  
So I'm gonna be  
Flying high, flying high.  
Only I  
Me and Mine  
I've got to get out, got to be way far  
away-free  
Flying high, flying high.  
Only I  
Me and Mine  
I've got to get out, got to be way far  
away -free  
You don't hear no drums, woman!  
I think you better ride this wave on out.

### IV

#### A. The Market Place

*In teeming marketplaces, onto the sweet soil of  
our democracy is poured the salt of a business  
that gives a bitter taste to our national life.*

#### B. Soul For Sale

GREGORY PORTER, *Vocal*

Slave: What a great day for shopping  
Buyer: I can feel money dropping  
People, that's what I'm copping  
Soul for Sale  
Checking their teeth and hairlines  
Pinching a buck whose skin shines  
Looking for brown concubines  
Soul for Sale  
I like my Negroes real  
Simple but plentiful of feeling  
Think we can make a deal  
Nine hundred! What!  
Have you lost your mind?  
I call that stealing  
What 'cha got to make my corn grow?  
New pipes for my tobacco  
Yes, and let's see that Negro  
Soul for Sale  
Soul for Sale  
Oh I can't wait to buy some  
Let's see 'em skip, hop and run  
Darky, let go of that young 'un  
Soul for Sale  
I like my Negroes real  
Simple but plentiful of feeling  
Think we can make a deal?  
Nine hundred! What!  
Have you lost your mind?  
I call that stealing  
Picks, hammers, mules, plows, and hoes  
A passel of northern dress clothes  
Oh! and I'll take those Negroes  
Soul for Sale

### V

#### Plantation Coffle March

*Reborn in this land of plenty as livestock.  
Talking work animals.*

PAULA WEST, *Vocal*

KENNY WASHINGTON, *Vocal*

Leona: And slow we marched for all to see  
Necks wringed with iron in agony  
We drag on feet cut bare by ground  
For endless miles did not sit down  
New born we bring this land fresh gloom  
Rot baked in death ships hot wet womb  
Chained men, women and little ones  
Reduced to dogs by whips and guns  
Jesse: I will not slave for any man  
With each slurred step I hate this land  
I am a prince, no common man  
And soon I will be free  
Leona: A weary walking travesty  
Chained from this land's sweet majesty  
We all submit except for one  
Whose high proud heart was overcome  
Though bound he took three men to  
ground  
And would have killed but then the sound  
Of gunshot rang, the final bell  
Straight up he stood, and then he fell  
Jesse: I will not slave for any man  
With each slurred step I hate this land  
I am a prince, no common man  
And soon I will be free  
Leona: And as he lay our coffle stalled  
He could not walk and would not crawl  
Was time to move, he lay and fry  
Stared at the sun, prepared to die  
I lift him up and walk him round  
For many miles he makes no sound  
  
This shuffle stops. How could it be?  
He says no words of thanks to me  
No words to me, no words to me.

### VI

#### Work Song (Blood On The Fields)

*Soon can mean ten minutes, or ten lifetimes.  
In this case, 14 years of bondage has passed.*

KENNY WASHINGTON, *Vocal*

PAULA WEST, *Vocal*

Jesse: Mmm  
Leona: Mmm-hmm  
Jesse: Liftin' and a totin  
Leona: Packin' and a sackin'  
Jesse: Pickin' and a hoein'  
Leona: Seedin' and a feedin'  
Jesse: Plowin' and a growin'  
Jesse: Mmm-hmm. All day long  
I raise my head to sky  
Beat back down by sun's burning gaze

## PROGRAM

The field hand's cry. I split my fingers  
down to the blood again.  
Leona: Blood on the fields  
King cotton grow  
Brown soil yields  
White up above  
Red down below  
Brown soil yields  
White up above  
Red down below  
And tomorrow  
I can't take no more, no more, no more  
Jesse: All day long  
Woman  
Hush up your whining now  
And hold your head up high

To curse this evil land  
To hell with this strange man  
Watching over me  
Day long  
I rise  
Beat down  
Again  
Leona: Oh, just hold that whip masso  
Jesse: Drive! Driver, hold that whip  
Leona: Down on one knee  
Jesse: Got to get free  
Cruel hot sun  
Leona: Day is just begun  
Jesse: All day long  
Jesse and Leona:

Blood on the fields  
King cotton grow  
Brown soil yields  
White up above  
Red down below  
Take me home  
Far, far away  
Blood on the fields  
Blood on the fields  
Jesse: Pickin' and a hoein'  
Leona: Blood on the fields  
Jesse: Packin' and a sackin'  
Leona: Blood on the fields  
Jesse: Plowin' and a growin'  
Leona: Blood on the fields  
Jesse and Leona:  
Red down below  
Leona: And tomorrow

### VII

#### Lady's Lament

PAULA WEST, *Vocal*  
KENNY WASHINGTON, *Vocal*

Leona: Night falls,  
And then the day breaks  
Again the night falls  
And then my heart breaks  
Again in morning  
I face the same old, same ol' day

I thirst for romance  
One dance  
To give me back my body  
Night falls,  
Come little romance  
Just one cool drink, just one cool drink  
I think I hear a drum  
I think I hear a drum  
Jesse: I think I'm going to leave this slave life  
behind  
You don't hear no drum woman  
You don't hear no drum  
Woman you don't hear no drum  
I think I'm going to leave this slave life  
behind

### A. Flying High

KENNY WASHINGTON, *Vocal*

Jesse: I got to get out, got to be way far  
away-free

### VIII

#### Oh We Have A Friend In Jesus

*Op Massa is a good and righteous man.  
He likes for his Negroes to worship and honor a  
merciful and just God.*

PAULA WEST, *Vocal*

Leona: Oh we have a friend in Jesus  
He teaches us forgiveness

And a friend I need, Lord Jesus,  
To ease this pain of mine  
Soon he will come  
Free his children  
Come to us now  
Jesus will show us the way home

### A. God Don't Like Ugly

*They, however, interpret the word of God  
quite differently.*

PAULA WEST, *Vocal*

Leona: Let me bathe in the cool waters of your love  
O, Lord, your love, Oh, Lord, your love  
Oh, Lord, your love, Oh Lord, your love  
God don't like ugly. God don't like ugly.  
God don't like ugly. God don't like ugly.  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelu  
And the last shall be first  
And the last shall be first  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelu  
God don't like ugly. God don't like ugly.  
And the last shall be first  
And the last shall be first  
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## PROGRAM

### IX

#### Juba And A O'Brown Squaw

*Jesse thinks not of God, not of heaven, not of justice, only his own freedom is on his mind. He goes to see Juba. A man so wise, the uninformed think he is a fool.*

GREGORY PORTER, *Vocal*

Juba: First you dance then you sing if you'd  
do the Juba rig  
Then you turn all around and you hop a  
little jig

People comes to Juba when they wants  
to be free  
When everything is fine with them their  
face he never see  
Jump Juba Pat Juba act a natchul fool  
Eat a pound of dirt and bite a two-head  
mule

Chorus: *O Lord Juba, Yea Lord Juba*

*Right, Left Juba. And a O'Brown Squaw*  
Juba: Listen to these words son I'm about to say  
I see it in your eyes that you want to get  
away

Dancin' and singin' and shakin' my tail  
One mulatter girl and a bill of sale  
The things you should do if you'd run  
add up to three  
If you do these three, there's a chance  
you might be free

Chorus: *O Lord Juba, Yea Lord Juba*

*Right, Left Juba. And a O'Brown Squaw*  
Juba: Number one is love the land and also  
you must know

The land that holds you slave is the same  
that lets you go.  
Got-to-know where water lies to cover  
up your tracks  
Stayin' long on ground too high has  
busted many backs.

See how Brer Rabbit makes himself so  
hard to find

Dogs got long and pointy teeth and  
would love some brown behind

Chorus: *O Lord Juba, Yea Lord Juba*

*Right, Left Juba. And a O'Brown Squaw*

Juba: Number two you got to sing with soul  
or even better shout  
Be sad but sing a happy song to call the  
Indians out

Any man be an Indian no matter how  
he's born

All you got to do is give a starvin' man  
some corn.

Listen to ol' Juba sing and hear a soulful  
sound

Juba laughs in the devil's face and knock  
he mama down.

Chorus: *O Lord Juba, Yea Lord Juba*

*Right, Left Juba. And a O'Brown Squaw*

Juba: Last thing number three you must do if  
you'd be free

If you're going to get away you must  
know who you'll be.

Runnin' round talkin' 'bout you some  
kind of king

Like a chicken flyin' with a hoot owl's wing

If a man be a prince, then another be a

slave  
May be the lesser work the greater to an  
early grave.

Chorus: *O Lord Juba, Yea Lord Juba*

*Right, Left Juba. And a O'Brown Squaw*

Juba: One you got to love the land, forgive it  
for its sin

You'll never get your freedom if the land  
is not your friend

Two, you've got to sing with soul so  
Indians will dance

If no one helps you run then you  
haven't got a chance

Three, what will you call yourself if you  
become free?

If a man is a prince then he too a slave  
can be.

Chorus: *O Lord Juba, Yea Lord Juba*

*Right, Left Juba. And a O'Brown Squaw*

### X

#### Follow The Drinking Gourd

*Jesse don't care about no Indians, no land, no  
soul, no singing, and no Leona.*

*It was time for him to go ahead and run.*

PAULA WEST, *Vocal*

Leona: Run day and run night  
But look up to freedom  
Freedom  
Keep your eye on high  
Follow the drinking gourd  
But what of me, Jesse  
Freedom, sweet freedom  
One day or one night  
Hope they bring him back to me  
Hope they bring him back to me  
Hope they bring him back to me

#### A. My Soul Fell Down

PAULA WEST, *Vocal*

Leona: This was my wish  
To have you here  
Your dark strong touch  
All mine, all night

But as you passed  
Dog-bit, chain-burned  
My soul fell down  
I was so wrong  
To want you back

## PROGRAM

### XI

#### Forty Lashes

*If the opposition be truly serious, no matter how noble the heart or just the cause, the unprepared, will feel the bitter lash of failure.*

### XII

#### What A Fool I've Been

*Knocks on the head, feet in the butt can bet recognition*

KENNY WASHINGTON, *Vocal*

Jesse: Oh what a fool I've been  
Oh what a fool I've been  
Not thinking  
Not living in this island  
Foolishly I live back in the old ways  
Want to be back home to drive my own slaves  
Now, I feel the pain  
No man should own a man  
I'm no slave  
Not no prince  
Just a man  
Just a lonely man  
No More!

#### A. Back to Basics

### XIII

#### I Hold Out My Hand

*What has more meaning than pain? He wants to know what soul is?*

PAULA WEST, *Vocal*  
KENNY WASHINGTON, *Vocal*

Leona: I hold out my hand  
To comfort your wounds  
And give without want  
The sweetness of life.  
Through rivers of tears  
The moon shines tonight.  
And that is what soul is.  
When this bitter life has ended  
Death may be a welcome rest  
But why waste all your living on dying?  
Why let mocking evil spirits have their way?  
Why wallow in sorrow  
When love's joys can be found?  
Oh, come to me until I feel your heartbeat  
And when our hearts are swaying at one tempo  
That is soul.

Jesse: I have no heart, it's been crushed and torn by misery.  
What sweet softness, can a man know in his heart

When others buy and sell his loved ones?  
Is that soul?  
And when this bitter life has ended  
I will dance a happy dance  
I will sing  
I will shout  
I will cry  
And in my rage I will –O why!  
Anguished heart! Wake my ears to hear  
this woman's song  
Soul is the giving without want.  
The sharing of some soothing sweetness  
through this bitter life.

Leona: Come to me until I feel your heartbeat  
When our hearts are swaying at one tempo

Jesse: Yes, I think I understand what soul is.

Leona: Come and let us have this dance

Jesse: Come and let us have this little dance  
That is soul.

Leona and Jesse:  
My lips are sweet  
(just one little taste)  
My bosom not cold  
(just one little taste)  
Let's pleasure ourselves  
(just one little taste)  
Romance can't be sold  
(but they sure will try)  
But even through tears  
(and there are many)  
The moon shines tonight  
(let's stop this talking)  
And that is what soul is!

### XIV

#### Look And See

*Now he wants to listen*  
GREGORY PORTER, *Vocal*

Juba: Look and see  
To learn and be  
One part of we  
And not just ye  
If you'd be free  
Ask to know  
Watch out! Lay low  
Than act on  
What you know  
To grow  
Then you can go  
Don't close your ears to the hot songs of life  
Open them wide  
Take in the size  
Reach with your dreams  
Past moonless nights  
Look and see  
To learn and be  
One part of we  
And not just ye  
If you'd be free



## PROGRAM

Don't fall in love with the weight of  
your pain  
Hawk at the mule  
Of tragedy  
Life won't be bent to your lament  
Ask to know  
Watch out! Lay low  
Then act on  
What you know  
To grow  
Then you can go.

### A. The Sun Is Gonna Shine

KENNY WASHINGTON, *Vocal*

#### XV

### Will The Sun Come Out?

*Yes, but still the blues.*

PAULA WEST, *Vocal*

Leona: Do I like this change in him?  
From so strong a man  
So suddenly has he gone soft.  
Will his manhood drain on this land?  
Do I want to birth his slave?  
Will the sun come out?  
Should I look up to the skies?  
Will the sun come out?  
Can he shine where evil thrives?  
What shall I do?  
Let you shine through?  
Hang my head but should I cry?  
Hang my head but should I cry?  
Will the sun come out?  
Wear his crown though darkness reigns?  
Will the sun come out?  
Forging metal for more chains.  
What can I do?  
Sun shines through blues.  
Hang my head I think I'll cry.  
Hang my head I think I'll cry.

Will the sun come out?  
Nourish blood-soaked fields all day?  
Will the sun come out?  
Crops been sold and sent away.  
Wealth all around  
None can be found  
Hang my head but should I cry  
'Nuff to live but no to thrive.  
Wealth all around  
Sun has gone down.  
Hang my head but should I cry?  
Hang my head but still survive  
Come on sun, just one more try.

#### XVI

### The Sun Is Gonna Shine

*But Jesse has learned how to play the blues.*

Jesse: The sun is gonna shine  
Upon this land today  
He'll show his warm round face and smile  
He'll play the bluest blues high yellow  
style  
Sun is gon' shine.  
The sun is gonna shine  
Just like he do each day  
His light will be so bright and clear  
He'll warm those soulless hearts long  
cloaked in fear  
Sun is gon' shine  
When you see me dancing down the  
street  
Singing  
Know that I sing a song with soul to be  
free  
Which I soon will be  
Yes, then always  
The sun is gonna shine  
Upon this land today  
He'll rise so high he'll never fall  
His light will sound before the rooster's call  
Sun is gon' shine  
When you see me dancing down the street  
Singing  
Know that I sing a song with soul to be  
free  
Which I soon will be  
Yes, then always  
The sun is gonna shine  
Upon this land today  
He'll rise so high he'll never fall  
His light will sound before the rooster's  
call  
Sun is gon' shine

#### XVII

### Chant To Call The Indians Out

KENNY WASHINGTON, *Vocal*

Jesse: Oh! Anybody. Hear This Plaintive Song.  
Oh! Who wants to help their brother  
dance this dance?  
Oh! I sing with soul:  
Heal this wounded land

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### Calling The Indians Out

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#### Follow The Drinking Gourd

*His mind is set on a freedom larger than himself.*

*Jesse escapes again, this time with Leona*

KENNY WASHINGTON, *Vocal*

PAULA WEST, *Vocal*

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#### Freedom Is In The Trying

*Even for the righteous, success is never certain.*

GREGORY PORTER, *Vocal*

Juba: This is all I tell you because this is all  
I see.

You answered questions right but you  
still ain't free

If you see an eagle sittin' on a crow's  
nest

His head in the east but his mind in  
the west

Freedom is no simple thing but all  
you need to know

Freedom's in the trying, just walk on  
through the door

Chorus: *O Lord Juba, Yes Lord Juba*

*Right, Left Juba. And a O'Brown Squaw*

Juba: Freedom's in the trying  
Walk on through the door  
Freedom's in the trying  
All you need to know  
Freedom's in the trying  
Walk on through the door  
Freedom's in the trying  
All you need to know  
Freedom is no simple thing but all  
you need to know  
Freedom's in the trying and walk out  
through the door.  
Freedom is no simple thing but all  
you need to know  
Freedom's in the trying and walk out  
through the door.  
Freedom is no simple thing but all  
you need to know  
Freedom's in the trying and walk out  
through the door.

Chorus: *O Lord Juba, Yes Lord Juba*  
*Right, Left Juba. And a O'Brown Squaw*

Juba: That's all I know

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#### Due North

KENNY WASHINGTON, *Vocal*

# BLOOD ON THE FIELDS

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In April 1994 at Alice Tully Hall, the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, as it was then named, premiered an extended jazz oratorio and composition by Wynton Marsalis titled *Blood On The Fields*, relating the progression of a man and a woman—husband and wife—from slavery to freedom. Elaborating on ideas he'd been developing for several years with the Wynton Marsalis Septet, and deploying lessons gleaned from ongoing immersion in the entire timeline of Duke Ellington (particularly his later suites), Marsalis upped the ante from such early 1990s extended works as *City Movement* and *In This House, On This Morning*, penning a poetic, vernacular libretto and a virtuoso score, chock-a-block with ingenious instrumental voicings and complex meters, that illuminates and propels the narrative. Released in a three-CD edition by Columbia-Sony in 1995, *Blood On The Fields* would earn the 1997 Pulitzer Prize for Music, the first composition by a jazz musician—and the first to incorporate extensively either improvisation or idiomatic jazz vocabulary—to be awarded that honor.

In a contemporaneous review of the two premiere concerts, I wrote: “[*Blood On The Fields*] is a conversation with the history of jazz on its highest level. No imitation of its antecedents, it demonstrates Marsalis’ sophisticated reading and revision of his sources. Ellingtonally, Marsalis gave each musician in the orchestra a voice, and the orchestra itself a meta-voice. Call-and-response, New Orleans polyphony, shuffles, Ellingbop, dirges, parade march press-rolls, second-line struts, intricately detailed ensemble dialogues, impossible brass unisons, idiomatic solos—even a Greek chorus!—signified and counterstated the songs.”

In a perceptive review of the premiere concert in *The New York Times*, Jon Pareles noted Marsalis’ attraction to Ellington’s “universe of suave saxophones, mocking trombones and brightly assertive trumpets.” He added: “He knows that above a swinging beat, a wily composer can get away with nearly anything. Mr. Marsalis’ ensembles bristle with polytonality, dissonance and jagged,

jumpy lines and countermelodies, but the rhythm section pushes them along as if they were dance music.”

Over the ensuing nineteen years, Marsalis has honed and evolved those strategies on such major, diverse works as *Big Train*, *All Rise*, *Congo Square*, *Abyssinian 200 Mass*, *Vitoria Suite*, *Blues Symphony*, and *Swing Symphony*, expanding his tonal canvas to include vocal choirs and symphonic orchestras. But *Blood On The Fields* retains special pride of place in his corpus. That’s as good a reason as any for Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra to revisit it—with the GRAMMY® Award-nominated baritone Gregory Porter and the powerful contralto Paula West inhabiting the characters of central protagonists Leona and Jesse, performed in the original iteration by Cassandra Wilson and Miles Griffith—in conjunction with Jazz at Lincoln Center’s 25th anniversary season.

Apart from the heady, gripping music contained therein, *Blood On The Fields* is also fascinating at this particular moment—one month into the second term of President Barack Obama, and two months after the release of Spielberg’s *Lincoln* and Tarantino’s *Django Unchained*—for Marsalis’ multi-dimensional treatment of its subject.

In 1996 Marsalis told me that, initially, he wanted *Blood on The Fields* to be “tragic the whole way through, with no redemption.” He credited conversations with the aesthetic philosopher Albert Murray for changing his perspective. “Al took me through the different forms of tragedy, going back to *Oedipus*, *The Libation Bearers*, and *Agamemnon*,” Marsalis said. “He said, ‘You’ve got to understand that if you make it all tragic, you’ll be coming from an expression that’s not really Afro-American.’ At first I disagreed, but I contemplated what he was saying, and I came to an agreement that, yes, that is the transcendent value of the blues and of swinging, Duke Ellington was swinging. You have the complexity but also the optimism. It’s saying, ‘Man, this is a tragic situation, but it’s gonna be cool.’ That’s a very important part of the jazz expression.”

## Meet the ARTISTS

**WYNTON MARSALIS**

(*Music Director, Trumpet*) is the Managing and Artistic Director of Jazz at Lincoln Center and a world-renowned trumpeter and composer. Born in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1961,

Marsalis began his classical training on trumpet at age 12, entered The Juilliard School at age 17, and then joined Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers. He made his recording debut as a leader in 1982, and has since 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. Marsalis is also an internationally respected teacher and spokesman for music education, and has received honorary doctorates from dozens of U.S. universities and colleges. He has written six books; his most recent are *Squeak, Rumble, Whomp! Whomp! Whomp!*, illustrated by Paul Rogers and published by Candlewick Press in 2012, and *Moving to Higher Ground: How Jazz Can Change Your Life* with Geoffrey C. Ward, published by Random House in 2008. In 1997 Marsalis became the first jazz artist to be awarded the prestigious Pulitzer Prize in music for his oratorio *Blood on the Fields*, which was commissioned by Jazz at Lincoln Center. In 2001 he was appointed Messenger of Peace by Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and he has also been designated cultural ambassador to the United States of America by the U.S. State Department through their CultureConnect program. Marsalis 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 impacted by Hurricane Katrina. Marsalis helped lead the effort to construct Jazz at Lincoln Center's home—Frederick P. Rose Hall—the first education, performance, and broadcast facility devoted to jazz, which opened in October 2004.

**ERIC REED** (*Piano*)

Award-winning pianist and composer Eric Scott Reed began playing the piano at age two and was performing in his father's Baptist church in Philadelphia by age five.

He was primarily self-taught, and after impressing his teachers at Philadelphia's Settlement Music School (starting at age seven) and Los Angeles' Colburn School of Arts, Reed began to tour the world as a leader and sideman at age 18. He received great attention in the 1990s with Wynton Marsalis' Septet (for which he left California State University at Northridge), the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, with whom he made countless recordings and TV appearances, and with the bands of Freddie Hubbard and Joe Henderson. He has since played with artists including Wayne Shorter, Jessye Norman, Patti LaBelle, Edwin Hawkins, and Quincy Jones. Reed has taught at The Juilliard School of Music and gives master classes and lecture demonstrations on the discography and history of jazz music. In 2005 Eric formed a quartet with fellow Los Angelean Willie Jones III, bassist Gerald Cannon and tenor and soprano saxophonist Stacy Dillard. His other musical ventures include more than 20 recordings as a leader, including his latest, *The Dancing Monk*, scores for Eddie Murphy's comedy *Life* and other film projects, and annual musical direction for the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's classic *Revelations*, under the direction of Judith Jamison. Currently Reed is in residence with the Ebony Repertory Theatre of Los Angeles, as musical director of Regina Taylor's *Crowns*. Reed has recorded more than 29 chart-topping, critically-acclaimed, award-winning projects, supported by global performances to appreciative audiences. Legendary pianist Ahmad Jamal calls Reed "one of [his] very favorite pianists."

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**GREGORY PORTER**  
(*Vocals*) was born in Los Angeles, raised in Bakersfield, and now makes the world his musical home. A frequent guest performer with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, Porter also

maintains a residency at Smoke Jazz and Supper Club in New York. With a voice that can caress or confront, embrace or exhort, GRAMMY® nominee Gregory Porter exhibits such an incredible degree of vocal mastery that Wynton Marsalis went on record to call him “a fantastic young singer,” making it even more impressive that Porter’s latest release at the time, *Water* (Motema Music), was his recording debut. The CD was produced by saxophonist, pianist and composer Kamau Kenyatta, who bears much of the responsibility for Porter’s career trajectory. When a shoulder injury ended Porter’s football scholarship to San Diego State University, Kenyatta—along with saxophonist Daniel Jackson (Ray Charles, Buddy Rich, Art Farmer, and more)—recognized his musical talent and nurtured the burgeoning performer. Kenyatta invited Porter to a Los Angeles studio while producing flutist Hubert Laws’ *Remembers the Unforgettable Nat King Cole*, and when Laws heard Porter singing along to the Charlie Chaplin-penned “Smile,” he decided to include a “bonus” track of Porter’s rendition. Also present in the studio that day was Eloise Laws, who gave Porter a lead role in *It Ain’t Nothin’ But the Blues*, a Tony-nominated musical theater work that brought Porter to Broadway. Porter also wrote and starred in his semi-autobiographical *Nat King Cole and Me*, in which he dramatically documented his childhood, which was marked by an absentee father and the joy and pain he heard when listening to his mother’s Nat King Cole records. The play ran for two very successful months at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts and has since travelled to Houston, Texas (without Porter’s involvement). Porter’s latest CD, *Be Good*, was released in February 2012 by Motema Music and nominated for a GRAMMY® Award.



**KENNY WASHINGTON**  
(*Vocals*), born and raised in New Orleans, grew up singing gospel in church and playing saxophone in school bands. Jazz caught Washington’s interest during his senior year of

high school, when clarinetist Alvin Batiste performed at his school with a band of students that included Branford and Wynton Marsalis. Inspired, Washington went on to study music at Xavier University, playing saxophone and singing in a variety of styles including pop, classical, R&B, and jazz. After college, Washington joined the honorary U.S. Navy Band as a saxophonist, but when his singing prowess was discovered he became the band’s featured vocalist. With the Navy band, he performed across Asia, Russia, Australia, and the U.S. He then settled in California, thrilling San Francisco jazz audiences with his soulful interpretations, seemingly limitless range of more than four octaves, and rapid-fire scatting. The following year, Joe Locke brought Washington to New York for a week-long run at Jazz at Lincoln Center’s prestigious Dizzy’s Club *Coca-Cola* with The Joe Locke Group. This experience launched Washington into a new musical stratosphere, and the group’s residency has since become an annual Dizzy’s tradition. Washington also appeared in Roy Nathanson’s off-Broadway production *Fire at Keaton’s Bar and Grill*, with Elvis Costello and Deborah Harry, and was the featured vocalist at San Francisco’s world-famous Mark Hopkins Intercontinental Hotel’s *Top of the Mark* for eight years. His astounding improvisational flights, inventive approach and emotional intensity are awe inspiring; whether scatting up a storm or caressing a Rodgers and Hart ballad, Washington is the kind of performer who leaves the stage with an audience full of fans, such as Ravi Coltrane, who has declared Kenny Washington his favorite male vocalist.



**PAULA WEST** (*Vocals*) moved to San Francisco after graduating from college, interested in music, but unsure of what to do with her life. She studied old records purchased at thrift shops, took singing classes, and as she became more confident in her talent, she ventured into jam sessions and performances at open mics. At one of these sessions she met pianist Ken Muir—her accompanist to this day—who hired her to work at San Francisco’s Ritz Carlton Hotel’s Terrace Restaurant. West went on to study with Faith Winthrop, developing her unique tone, delivery, and trademark ability to sustain a note without vibrato. In 1995 she was included in the Cabaret Convention and released her critically acclaimed CD *Temptation*, and in 1996 she performed at the Algonquin Hotel’s famous Oak Room, which led to various high-profile bookings and allowed West to make a name for herself on the East Coast. She has performed in New York and Philadelphia, appeared on both European and American broadcasts, and has made several appearances in Switzerland and Italy. In 1997 she had a sold-out debut at the Maison de la Musique in Paris. Her film credits include *Bicentennial Man* and *Teknolust*. Known and respected for her creative and distinct repertoire, West is drawn to songs with interesting harmonics and literate lyrics, always keeping two things in mind: communication with the audience and an intelligent approach to lyrics. “I’m a jazz singer—not an avant garde singer,” West notes. Performing consistently with The Eric Reed Trio, recent appearances include Jazz at Lincoln Center, Sculler’s, Jazz Aspen, and a performance at The White House in a salute to American writers. In addition to Eric Reed, West has worked with such jazz greats as Bobby Hutcherson, Bill Charlap, Frank Weiss, Mulgrew Miller, Peter Washington, Victor Lewis, Bruce Barth, and Regina Carter.

**ELI BISHOP** (*Guest Soloist, Violin*), a native of Nashville, Tennessee, has been playing the violin/fiddle since the age of three, beginning with classical and later venturing into jazz, swing, and bebop, which he studies with the legendary Buddy Spicher. While enrolled at the Nashville School of the

Arts, Eli studied swing and jazz music on the violin and also began playing the guitar. Spending his high school years focused on jazz improvisation and learning the standard repertoire, he started making connections in the small community of jazz violin players. This scene inspired Bishop to attend Berklee College of Music from 2010–12, where he studied violin performance and electronic production and design.

**WALTER BLANDING** (*Tenor and Soprano Saxophones*) was born into a musical family on August 14, 1971 in Cleveland, Ohio. He began playing the saxophone at age six and by age 16, he was performing regularly with his parents at the Village Gate. Blanding attended LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts and continued his studies at the New School for Social Research where he earned a B.F.A. in 2005. His 1991 debut release, *Tough Young Tenors*, was acclaimed as one of the best jazz albums of the year, and his artistry began to impress listeners and critics alike. He has been a member of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra since 1998 and has performed, toured and/or recorded with his own groups and with such renowned artists as the Cab Calloway Orchestra, Roy Hargrove, Hilton Ruiz, Count Basie Orchestra, Illinois Jacquet Big Band, Wycliffe Gordon, Marcus Roberts, Wynton Marsalis Quintet, Isaac Hayes, and many others. Blanding lived in Israel for four years and had a major impact on the music scene while touring the country with his own ensemble and with U.S. artists such as Louis Hayes, Eric Reed, Vanessa Rubin, and others invited to perform there. He taught music in several Israeli schools and eventually opened his own private school in Tel Aviv. During this period, *Newsweek International* called him a “Jazz Ambassador to Israel.”

**CHRIS CRENSHAW** (*Trombone*) was born in Thomson, Georgia on December 20, 1982. Since birth, he has been driven by and surrounded by music. When he started playing piano at age three, his teachers and fellow students noticed his aptitude for the instrument. This love for piano led to his first gig with Echoes of Joy, his father Casper’s group. He picked up the trombone at 11 and hasn’t put it down since. He graduated from Thomson High School in 2001



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and received his Bachelor's degree with honors in Jazz Performance from Valdosta State University in 2005. He was awarded Most Outstanding Student in the VSU Music Department and College of Arts. In 2007 Crenshaw received his Master's degree in Jazz Studies from The Juilliard School where his teachers included Dr. Douglas Farwell and Wycliffe Gordon. He has worked with Gerard Wilson, Jiggs Whigham, Carl Allen, Marc Cary, Wessell Anderson, Cassandra Wilson, Eric Reed, and many more. In 2006 Crenshaw joined the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and in 2012 he composed "God's Trombones," a spiritually-focused work which was premiered by the orchestra at Jazz at Lincoln Center.

**VINCENT GARDNER** (*Trombone, Tuba*) was born in Chicago in 1972 and was raised in Hampton, Virginia. After singing, playing piano, violin, saxophone, and French horn at an early age, he decided on the trombone at age 12. He attended Florida A&M University and the University of North Florida. He soon caught the ear of Mercer Ellington, who hired Gardner for his first professional job. After graduating from college, he moved to Brooklyn, New York, completed a world tour with Lauryn Hill in 2000, then joined the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. Gardner has served as Instructor at The Juilliard School, as Visiting Instructor at Florida State University and Michigan State University, and as adjunct instructor at The New School. He has contributed many arrangements to the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and other ensembles. In 2009 he was commissioned by Jazz at Lincoln Center to write "The Jesse B. Semple Suite," a 60-minute suite inspired by the short stories of Langston Hughes. Gardner is featured on a number of notable recordings and has recorded five CDs as a leader for Steeplechase Records. He has performed with The Duke Ellington Orchestra, Bobby McFerrin, Harry Connick, Jr., The Saturday Night Live Band, Chaka Khan, A Tribe Called Quest, and many others.

**VICTOR GOINES** (*Tenor & Soprano Saxophones, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet*) is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana. He has been a member of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and the Wynton Marsalis Septet since 1993, touring throughout the world

and recording more than 20 albums. As a leader, Goines has recorded seven albums including his most recent release *Twilight* (2012) on Rosemary Joseph Records. A gifted composer, Goines has more than 50 original works to his credit. He has recorded and/or performed with many noted jazz and popular artists including Ahmad Jamal, Ruth Brown, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Ray Charles, Bob Dylan, Dizzy Gillespie, Lenny Kravitz, Branford Marsalis, Ellis Marsalis, Dianne Reeves, Willie Nelson, Marcus Roberts, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, and a host of others. Currently, he is the director of jazz studies/professor of music at Northwestern University. He received a Bachelor of Music degree from Loyola University in New Orleans in 1984, and a Master of Music degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond in 1990.

**CARLOS HENRIQUEZ** (*Bass*) was born in 1979 in the Bronx, New York. He studied music at a young age, played guitar through junior high school and took up the bass while enrolled in The Juilliard School's Music Advancement Program. He entered LaGuardia High School of Music & Arts and Performing Arts and was involved with the LaGuardia Concert Jazz Ensemble which went on to win first place in Jazz at Lincoln Center's *Essentially Ellington* High School Jazz Band Competition and Festival in 1996. In 1998 swiftly after high school, Henriquez joined the Wynton Marsalis Septet and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, touring the world and featured on more than 25 albums. Henriquez has performed with artists including Chucho Valdes, Paco De Lucia, Tito Puente, the Marsalis Family, Willie Nelson, Bob Dylan, Stevie Wonder, Lenny Kravitz, Marc Anthony, and many others. He has been a member of the music faculty at Northwestern University School of Music since 2008, and was music director of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra's cultural exchange with the Cuban Institute of Music with Chucho Valdes in 2010.

**SHERMAN IRBY** (*Alto & Soprano Saxophones*) was born and raised in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He found his musical calling at age 12. In high school, he played and recorded with gospel immortal James Cleveland. He graduated from Clark Atlanta University with a B.A. in Music Education.

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In 1991 he joined Johnny O'Neal's Atlanta-based quintet. In 1994 he moved to New York City then recorded his first two albums, *Full Circle* (1996) and *Big Mama's Biscuits* (1998), on Blue Note. Irby toured the U.S. and the Caribbean with the Boys Choir of Harlem in 1995, and was a member of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra from 1995 to 1997. During that tenure, he also recorded and toured with Marcus Roberts, was part of Betty Carter's Jazz Ahead Program and Roy Hargrove's groups. After a four-year stint with Roy Hargrove, Irby focused on his own group in addition to being a member of Elvin Jones' ensemble and Papo Vazquez's Pirates Troubadours. Since 2003 Irby has been the regional director for JazzMasters Workshop, mentoring young children, and a board member for the CubaNOLA Collective. He formed Black Warrior Records and released *Black Warrior*, *Faith*, *Organ Starter*, and *Live at the Otto Club* under the new label.

**ALI JACKSON** (*Drums*) developed his talent on drums at an early age. In 1993 he graduated from Cass Tech High School and in 1998 was the recipient of Michigan's prestigious Artserv Emerging Artist award. As a child, he was selected as the soloist for the "Beacons Of Jazz" concert which honored legend Max Roach at New School University. After earning an undergraduate degree in music composition at the New School University for Contemporary Music, he studied under Elvin Jones and Max Roach. Jackson has been part of Young Audiences, a program that educates New York City youth on jazz. He has performed and recorded with artists including Wynton Marsalis, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Aretha Franklin, George Benson, Harry Connick, Jr., KRS-1, Marcus Roberts, Joshua Redman, Vinx, Seito Kinon Orchestra conductor Seiji Ozawa, Diana Krall, and the New York City Ballet. His production skills can be heard on George Benson's GRP release *Irreplaceable*. Jackson is also featured on the Wynton Marsalis Quartet recordings *The Magic Hour* (Blue Note, 2004), and *From the Plantation to the Penitentiary* (Blue Note, 2007). Jackson collaborated with jazz greats Cyrus Chestnut, Reginald Veal, and James Carter on *Gold Sounds* (Brown Brothers, 2005) that transformed songs by indie alternative rock band Pavement into unique virtuosic interpretations with the attitude of the church

and juke joint. He has been a member of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra since 2005. Jackson currently performs with the Wynton Marsalis Quintet, Horns in the Hood, and leads the Ali Jackson Quartet. He also hosted "Jammin' with Jackson," a series for young musicians at Jazz at Lincoln Center's Dizzy Club *Coca-Cola*. He is also the voice of "Duck Ellington," a character in the Penguin book series *Baby Loves Jazz* that was released in 2006.

**RYAN KISOR** (*Trumpet*) was born on April 12, 1973 in Sioux City, Iowa, and began playing trumpet at age four. In 1990 he won first prize at the Thelonious Monk Institute's first annual Louis Armstrong Trumpet Competition. Kisor enrolled in Manhattan School of Music in 1991 where he studied with trumpeter Lew Soloff. He has performed and/or recorded with the Mingus Big Band, the Gil Evans Orchestra, Horace Silver, Gerry Mulligan, and Charlie Haden's Liberation Music Orchestra, the Carnegie Hall Jazz Band, the Philip Morris Jazz All-Stars, and others. In addition to being an active sideman, Kisor has recorded several albums as a leader including *Battle Cry* (1997), *The Usual Suspects* (1998), and *Point of Arrival* (2000). He has been a member of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra since 1994.

**CARL MARAGHI** (*Baritone Saxophone, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet*) moved to New York City from his native Montreal, Canada to study at the prestigious Juilliard School, where he studied and performed with artists such as Joe Temperley, Victor Goines, Joe Lovano, Benny Golson, Wycliffe Gordon, and Wynton Marsalis. He has played in concerts with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, tours with the Lionel Hampton Celebration Band, performs and records with Pedro Giraud's orchestra, and is part of the acclaimed David Berger Jazz Orchestra. Maraghi has also worked for Doc Severinsen, Ken Peplowski, Bobby Short, and Loren Schoenberg. In addition to leading and composing for the Carl Maraghi Sax Ensemble and the Mulligan And More Quartet, he regularly plays for *Jersey Boys* and *Billy Elliot* on Broadway. He released his first opus, *Blossum*, in 2009.

**ELLIOT MASON** (*Trombone*) was born in England in 1977 and began trumpet lessons at age four with his father. At age seven, he



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switched his focus from trumpet to trombone. At 11 years old, he was performing in various venues, concentrating on jazz and improvisation. By 16, Mason left England to join his brother Brad Mason at the Berklee College of Music on a full tuition scholarship. He has won the following awards: *Daily Telegraph* Young Jazz Soloist (under 25) Award, the prestigious Frank Rosolino Award, the International Trombone Association's Under 29 Jazz Trombone competition, and Berklee's Slide Hampton Award in recognition of outstanding performance abilities. He moved to New York City after graduation and in 2008, Mason joined Northwestern University's faculty as the jazz trombone instructor. Mason has performed with Count Basic Orchestra, the Mingus Big Band, the Maria Schneider Orchestra, and the Maynard Ferguson Big Bop Nouveau. A member of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra since 2006, Mason also continues to co-lead the Mason Brothers Quintet with his brother. The Mason Brothers released their debut album, *Two Sides, One Story* in 2011.

**TED NASH** (*Alto and Soprano Saxophones*) was born into a musical family in Los Angeles. His father, Dick Nash, and uncle, the late Ted Nash, were both well-known jazz and studio musicians. The younger Nash exploded onto the jazz scene at 18, moved to New York and released his first album, *Conception* (Concord Jazz). He is co-leader of the Jazz Composers Collective and is constantly pushing the envelope in the world of "traditional jazz." His group Odeon has often been cited as a creative focus of jazz. Many of Nash's recordings have received critical acclaim, and have appeared on the "best-of" lists in *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The Village Voice*, *The Boston Globe*, and *Newsday*. His recordings, *The Mancini Project* (Palmetto Records) and *Sidewalk Meeting* (Arabesque Recordings), have been placed on several "best-of-decade" lists. His album *Portrait in Seven Shades* was recorded by the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and was released in 2010. The album is the first composition released by the JLCO featuring original music by a band member other than band-leader Wynton Marsalis.

**MARCUS PRINTUP** (*Trumpet*) was born and raised in Conyers, Georgia. His first musical experiences were hearing the fiery gospel music his parents sang in church. While attending the University of North Florida on a music scholarship, he won the International Trumpet Guild Jazz Trumpet competition. In 1991 Printup's life changed when he met his mentor, the great pianist Marcus Roberts. Roberts introduced him to Wynton Marsalis, which led to Printup's induction into the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra in 1993. Printup has recorded with Betty Carter, Dianne Reeves, Eric Reed, Madeline Peyroux, Ted Nash, Cyrus Chestnut, Wycliffe Gordon, and Roberts, among others. He has recorded several records as a leader: *Song for the Beautiful Woman*, *Unveiled*, *Hub Songs*, *Nocturnal Traces*, *The New Boogaloo*, *Peace in the Abstract*, *Bird of Paradise*, *London Lullaby*, *Ballads All Night*, and *A Time for Love*. He made his screen debut in the 1999 movie *Playing by Heart* and recorded on the film's soundtrack. August 22 has been declared "Marcus Printup Day" in his hometown of Conyers, Georgia.

**KENNY RAMPTON** (*Trumpet*) joined the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra in 2010. He also leads his own sextet in addition to performing with the Mingus Big Band, The Mingus Orchestra, The Mingus Dynasty, George Gruntz' Concert Jazz Band, and The Manhattan Jazz Orchestra (under the direction of Dave Matthews). In 2010 Rampton performed with The Scottish National Jazz Orchestra at the Edinburgh International Festival, and was the featured soloist on the Miles Davis/Gil Evans classic version of *Porgy and Bess*. He toured the world with The Ray Charles Orchestra in 1990 and with the legendary jazz drummer Panama Francis, The Savoy Sultans, and The Jimmy McGriff Quartet, with whom he played for 10 years. As a sideman, Rampton has performed with Mingus Epitaph (under the direction of Gunther Schuller), Bebo Valdez' Latin Jazz All-Stars, Maria Schneider, the Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra, Charles Earland, Dr. John, Lionel Hampton, Jon Hendricks, Illinois Jacquet, Geoff Keezer, Christian McBride, and a host of others. Most recently, he was hired as the trumpet voice on *Sesame Street*. Some of his Broadway credits include *Finian's Rainbow*, *The Wiz*, *Chicago: The Musical*, *In The Heights*, *Hair*, *Young Frankenstein*, and *The Producers*.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER'S FREDERICK P. ROSE HALL

### FEBRUARY 2013

#### IRENE DIAMOND EDUCATION CENTER

*Dizzy and Bird Festival*  
**Free Listening Party with Randy Weston**  
*February 28, 7pm*

Living jazz piano legend and NEA Jazz Master Randy Weston, a close personal friend of Dizzy Gillespie, will present a retrospective of Dizzy and Charlie Parker's recorded musical catalog.

*Free and open to the public*

### MARCH 2013

#### ROSE THEATER

*Dizzy and Bird Festival*  
**Celebrating Dizzy Gillespie**  
*March 8-9, 8pm*

No living trumpet player can claim a closer relationship to musician-teacher-humanitarian Dizzy Gillespie—personally or musically—than Jon Faddis, who met his friend and mentor at age 15. A veteran of the Thad Jones-Mel Lewis Orchestra, and former musical director of Gillespie's United Nations Orchestra, Faddis will direct The Jon Faddis Jazz Orchestra of New York through new transcriptions from Gillespie's path-breaking 1940s big band, repertoire from the spectacular 1950s edition that toured the Middle East and South America under the auspices of the State Department, and lead a quintet through selected gems from Gillespie's consistently superb small group recordings with special guests Ignacio Berroa, NEA Jazz Master Jimmy Heath, Pedrito Martinez, and Steve Turre (3/8 only).

*Free pre-concert festival nightly at 6:30pm.*

*Free pre-concert discussion nightly at 7pm.*

#### IRENE DIAMOND EDUCATION CENTER

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**Spring Term**

*Classes start March 19*

Whether you are new to the music or seek to deepen your knowledge, Swing University offers students of all ages a chance to learn about jazz from musicians and scholars. Spring term includes Jazz 101, Jazz 201, Jazz 301, Charlie Christian, Lennie's Listening Lessons, Ragtime, and Free Jazz.

Single tickets to Spring classes are available.

#### THE ALLEN ROOM

*Dizzy and Bird Festival*  
**Paquito D'Rivera's**  
**"Charlie Parker with Strings"**

*March 8-9, 7:30pm & 9:30pm*

All tributaries of contemporary jazz expression lead back to alto saxophone giant Charlie "Bird" Parker (1920-1955), whose unrivaled improvisational brilliance mesmerizes everyone who hears him. Parker's profound impact on the course of music increased even further after his 1950 session *Charlie Parker with Strings*, on which, framed by romantic string arrangements, he soared through a suite of standards (it remains his most popular recording to date). On this program, the effervescent Cuban reedist-arranger-composer Paquito D'Rivera will place his lush sound and virtuosic sensibility at the service of this repertoire, imparting a Latin twist to the proceedings. A few pieces from Parker's recordings with Machito, Chico O'Farrill, and other Latin artists will be revisited as well.

*Free pre-concert festival nightly at 6:30pm.*

**Charlie Musselwhite**

*March 15-16, 7:30pm & 9:30pm*

Raised in Memphis, Tennessee, Charlie Musselwhite launched his career within the fertile blues landscape of mid-1960s Chicago and the flower power era San Francisco. Now 68, Musselwhite brings his still bourbon-smooth tenor voice and masterful harmonica commentary to The Allen Room, where he'll undoubtedly uphold the *Chicago Tribune's* assessment that "he defines the cutting edge in contemporary blues."

**Madeleine Peyroux**

*March 22-23, 7:30pm & 9:30pm*

"She was capable of telling the truth," says Madeleine Peyroux of her attraction to Billie Holiday, to whom her soulful, thick-as-molasses contralto and deliberate, conversational phrasing has been compared. In these concerts, Peyroux will apply her recognizable-in-one-note instrument—and her guitar—to repertoire drawn from her last four CDs, comprising both original songs and reimagined classics from such artists as Robert Johnson, Bessie Smith, Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen, and Joni Mitchell.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

# Dizzy's Club *Coca-Cola*

### JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER'S FREDERICK P. ROSE HALL

## FEBRUARY 2013

**Tia Fuller Quartet with Special Guest Sean Jones**  
with Shamie Royston, Mimi Jones, EJ Strickland  
(Feb. 21–22 only), and Rudy Royston (Feb. 23–24 only)

*February 21–24*

*7:30pm & 9:30pm*

**Late Night Session:** Emmet Cohen Trio  
(Feb. 19–23)

**Juilliard Jazz Ensemble**

*February 25*

*7:30pm & 9:30pm*

**The Music of Dexter Gordon:**

**A Celebration**

with George Cables, Victor Lewis, Joe Locke,  
Jerry Weldon, Walter Blanding, and Brandon Lee

*February 26–27*

*7:30pm & 9:30pm*

**Late Night Session:** Aaron Kimmel Quartet

**Wolff & Clark Expedition**

with Michael Wolff, Mike Clark, Steve Wilson, and  
James Genus

*February 28*

*7:30pm & 9:30pm*

**Late Night Session:** Aaron Kimmel Quartet

## MARCH 2013

**Warren Wolf Group**

with Aaron Goldberg, Kris Funn, and Billy Williams

*March 1–3*

*7:30pm & 9:30pm*

**Late Night Session:** Aaron Kimmel Quartet  
(Mar. 1–2)

**Jason Marsalis Quartet**

with David Potter, Will Goble, and Austin Johnson

*March 4*

*7:30pm & 9:30pm*

**Grace Kelly Quintet**

with Pete McCann, Evan Gregor, Eric Doob, and  
a surprise guest

*March 5–6*

*7:30pm & 9:30pm*

**Late Night Session:** Alphonso Horne

*Dizzy and Bird Festival*

**Wycliffe Gordon & Friends – The Dizzy Birds:**

**Bebob Then and Now**

with Adrian Cunningham, Michael Dease, Aaron Diehl,  
Yasushi Nakamura, Dion Parson, and special guests

*March 7–10*

*7:30pm & 9:30pm*

**Late Night Session:** Alphonso Horne (Mar. 7–9)

**Amina Figarova Sextet**

with Bart Platteau, Ernie Hammes, Marc Mommaas,  
Jeroen Vierdag, and Chris "Buckshot" Strik

*March 11*

*7:30pm & 9:30pm*

**Eddie Daniels & Roger Kellaway**

*March 12–13*

*7:30pm & 9:30pm*

**Late Night Session:** Joe Saylor and Bryan Carter

**Billy Hart Quartet**

with Mark Turner, Ethan Iverson, and Ben Street

*March 14–17*

*7:30pm & 9:30pm*

**Late Night Session:** Joe Saylor and Bryan Carter  
(Mar. 14–16)

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7 PM

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NEA Jazz Master Randy Weston presents a retrospective of Dizzy Gillespie & Charlie Parker's recorded musical catalog

**MAR 7-10**

7:30 PM & 9:30 PM

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## WYCLIFFE GORDON & FRIENDS: THE DIZZY BIRDS

With Adrian Cunningham, Michael Dease, Aaron Diehl, Yasuhi Nakamura, & Dion Parson

**MAR 8-9**

6:30 PM

Atrium

FREE EVENT

## PRE-CONCERT FESTIVAL

Featuring live music, food from Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola, beer lovingly provided by Brooklyn Brewery, and more

**MAR 8-9**

7:30 PM & 9:30 PM

The Allen Room

## PAQUITO D'RIVERA'S

### 'CHARLIE PARKER WITH STRINGS'

Paquito D'Rivera honors the work of Charlie Parker, imparting a Latin twist to the familiar standard

**MAR 8-9**

8 PM

Rose Theater

## CELEBRATING DIZZY GILLESPIE

New transcriptions of Gillespie repertoire with trumpeter Jon Faddis, NEA Jazz Master saxophonist Jimmy Heath, and The Jon Faddis Jazz Orchestra of New York

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