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Wynton Marsalis, 33

Jazz musician

IF THE MARSALIS CLAN IS jazz royalty, then Wynton Marsalis is its prince of wails: he is a prodigiously talented trumpeter, a favorite son of New Orleans and, almost literally, a Pied Piper. Over the years, he has encouraged the careers of trumpeter Terence Blanchard and pianist Harry Connick Jr., among others. Critics and fans alike point to the hegemony of the Marsalis school of jazz, but it is only growing in influence. He has preached the virtues of his music around the country, visiting more than 1,000 schools in the past decade. As the artistic director for Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City, he has introduced programs to teach young people about jazz. "For us to really heal our society, it requires us to expend our own energy and capital on people who are not like us," says Marsalis. "We have to invest in them to keep the whole system working. One of the many ways of doing it is through music."



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