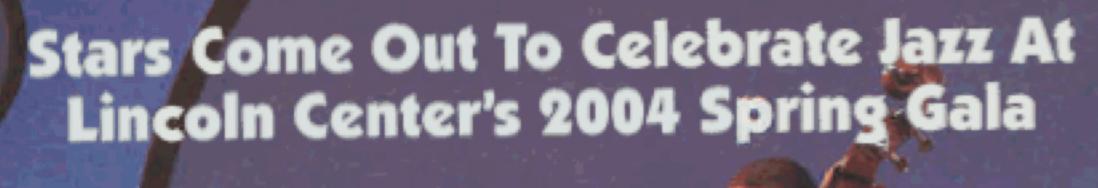


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Septet during the Teach Me Tonight jazz concert to benefit Jazz at Lincoln Center (JALC) at the Apollo Theater in New York. ▶ Papular actor/comedian Cedric the Entertainer serves as host of the event.

Show biz celebrities from all gen- New York. res of entertainment recently came out to help raise money and celebrate during Jazz at Lincoln Center's (JALC) third annual spring gala at the world famous Apollo Theater in

The event, hosted by actor/comedian Cedric the Entertainer, carried the theme Teach Me Tonight and raised \$1.1 million for JALC's performance and educational programs.

Jazz trumpeter

Wynton Marsalis,

artistic director of

JALC, welcomes

Lee and NBC's

gala.

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One of the highlights of the evening included a musical duel between Grammy Award-winning brothers Wynton Marsalis, artistic director of JALC, on trumpet and Branford Marsalis on saxophone. Other memorable moments included famed jazz singer Al Jarreau's thrilling scat performance, Bob Dylan's jazz rendition of his classic It Takes a Lot to Laugh, It Takes a Train to Cry (featuring an arrangement by Wynton Marsalis), James Taylor's performance of Don't Let Me Be Lonely Tonight and 14-year-old newcomer Renee Olstead's rendition of Summertime. Each artist performed with the Wynton Marsalis Septet.

Among the special guests attend-



Spike Lee, actors Lynn Whitfield and Courtney Vance, Ed Bradley of "60 Minutes," Al Roker and Ann Curry of NBC's "Today" and Kwame Jackson of the Donald Trump reality show "The Apprentice."

JALC is the world's largest nonprofit arts organization dedicated to



▲ Singer James Taylor shakes Wynton's hand following his performance of Don't Let Me Be Lonely Tonight.

jazz. The organization is currently Rose Hall - the first jazz perfor- October.

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