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**Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis to perform at Mesa Arts Center**

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**Mesa, AZ** – The world-renowned Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis will be in residence s at Mesa Arts Center September 24-26. On Thursday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m. Marsalis will give a free talk entitled The Power of Arts & Creativity: Building Our Future. On Friday, September 25, Marsalis and Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra will give a rare, intimate concert in Mesa Arts Center’s Piper Theater on Friday, September

25 at 7:30 p.m. Finally, The Phoenix Symphony will join the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis on stage in Mesa Arts Center’s Ikeda Theater on September 26 at 7:30 p.m., when Marsalis’ “Swing Symphony” will have its Arizona premiere. Tickets to the performances and talk are on available now at [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com) or by calling 480-644-6500.

***“We don’t just play jazz – we teach it, we write it, we dance it, we sing it, we present it, we photograph it, we film it, we produce it, we archive it, we record it, we broadcast it, we commission it, we celebrate it, we love it, we share it.”*** – Wynton Marsalis, Managing and Artistic Director, Jazz at Lincoln Center.

Mesa Arts Center’s deep partnership with Jazz at Lincoln Center continues to grow, building on a foundation laid over the last five years through the Jazz from A to Z program, which is delivered in collaboration with Jazz at Lincoln Center and ASU. The multifaceted engagement program enlivens the study of American History through jazz history and music, and brings jazz experiences to Mesa Arts Center’s stages, area classrooms and communities. While in Mesa, musicians from Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra will conduct jazz clinics in area schools, community colleges and universities. To commemorate Mesa Arts Center’s 10<sup>th</sup> year, the three-day experience celebrates the accessibility of Jazz at the venue.

Mesa Arts Center is located at One East Main Street in downtown Mesa.

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### **About Mesa Arts Center**

The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. Owned and operated by the City of Mesa, Arizona's largest arts center is recognized as an international award-winning venue. The unique and architecturally stunning facility is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios and an artist cooperative gallery. For more information, visit [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com).

### **About Jazz at Lincoln Center**

The mission of Jazz at Lincoln Center is to entertain, enrich and expand a global community for Jazz through performance, education and advocacy. With the world-renowned Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and guest artists spanning genres and generations, Jazz at Lincoln Center produces thousands of performance, education and broadcast events each season in its home in New York City (Frederick P. Rose Hal, "The House of Swing") and around the world, for people of all ages. Visit at [jazz.org](http://jazz.org).

The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, led by Wynton Marsalis, is made up of 15 of the finest soloists, ensemble players, and arrangers in jazz music today. More about Wynton Marsalis and musicians in the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra: <http://www.jazz.org/JLCO/wynton-marsalis/>

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