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**EASTMAN PRESENTS CONCERT SERIES FEATURES A HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE BY  
JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA WITH WYNTON MARSALIS**

*Wynton Marsalis returns to Rochester with the Jazz at Lincoln Center for a Big Bands Holiday Concert*

**Rochester, NY – December 1, 2015** – The Eastman School of Music is excited to present Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis for a festive performance in Rochester, New York. The concert is the feature holiday show of this season's Eastman Presents series and will be held at Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 8:00 pm.

"We are thrilled to have Wynton Marsalis and Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra as part of the Eastman Presents Concert Series," said Keith C. Elder, Director of Concert Activities at Eastman School of Music. "Wynton has a long history with Eastman and we are excited to welcome him back. This is a holiday show not to be missed!"

The concert follows the release of Blue Engine Records' *Big Band Holidays*, a compilation of holiday classics performed live by the world-renowned Jazz at Lincoln Center with Wynton Marsalis. The critically acclaimed group and an all-star roster of guest vocalists will explore the canon of holiday standards to perform new and traditional arrangements of Yuletide favorites.

Wynton Marsalis has a long history with Eastman School of Music. Marsalis' recording of *Carnaval* with the Eastman Wind Ensemble under conductor Donald Hunsberger was nominated for a Grammy in 1987. That same year, Marsalis toured with the Eastman Wind Ensemble on the East Coast and Canada, including a performance at Carnegie Hall. He is also a soloist on another Eastman Wind Ensemble recording, *Quiet City*.

The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis performance is generously sponsored by M/E Engineering, P.C.

Other upcoming performances through the Eastman Presents series include *Underground Railroad: A Spiritual Journey* with soprano Kathleen Battle and pianist Cyrus Chestnut, Eastman Wind Ensemble with banjo virtuoso Béla Fleck, and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra with conductor Peter Oundjian and pianist Angela Hewitt. For more information on these and other exciting performances at Eastman Theatre, please visit [www.eastmantheatre.org](http://www.eastmantheatre.org).

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**About Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis**

The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis (JLCO), comprising 15 of the finest jazz soloists and ensemble players today, has been the Jazz at Lincoln Center resident orchestra since 1988. This remarkably versatile orchestra performs and leads educational events in New York, across the U.S. and around the globe; in concert halls, dance venues, jazz clubs, public parks; and with symphony orchestras, ballet troupes, local students; and an ever-expanding roster of guest artists. Under Music Director Wynton Marsalis, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra performs a vast repertoire, from rare historic compositions to Jazz at Lincoln Center-commissioned works.

**About Eastman Presents Concert Series**

The Eastman Presents Concert Series first launched in the 2014-2015 season through Eastman School

of Music. The series of monthly concerts features international artists from a variety of musical genres at Eastman Theatre's Kodak Hall in Rochester, New York. In its second year, the 2015-2016 season offers another exciting line-up of world-renowned performers. The series kicks off with the delightful wit and musical virtuosity of the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain followed by another Broadway great, Kristin Chenoweth; a holiday concert with Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra; and a moving tribute to the Underground Railroad by soprano Kathleen Battle and pianist Cyrus Chestnut. The season closes with concerts from two outstanding ensembles: the Eastman Wind Ensemble with guest soloist and remarkable banjo player and multi-Grammy Award winner Béla Fleck; and the venerable Toronto Symphony Orchestra under conductor Peter Oundjian will be joined by pianist Angela Hewitt to perform music of Bach and Shostakovich. For more information on the Eastman Presents Concert Series at other performances at Eastman Theatre, visit [www.eastmantheatre.org](http://www.eastmantheatre.org).

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