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Jazz at Lincoln Center Concert:  
*Lords of the West Indies*  
Televised on BET J on Saturday, August 9, 2008  
at 1:30pm & 7:30pm

Monty Alexander Celebrates the  
Music of Jamaica & Trinidad



WYNTON MARSALIS, Artistic Director  
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## WHO/WHAT:

Jazz at Lincoln Center brought Jamaican jazz pianist **Monty Alexander** together with an ensemble of musicians from islands and cultures neighboring Jamaica to celebrate the intersection of Caribbean music with jazz. This exciting concert focused on Trinidadian calypso, highlighted Jamaican mento and included a singing group that featured banjo, guitar, rumba box and maracas.

**Mr. Alexander** (piano, music director), **Hassan Shakur** (bass) and **Herlin Riley** (drums); accompanied by special guests, including **David “Happy” Williams** (acoustic bass/vocals), **Desi Jones** (drums/percussion), **Joseph Bennett** (shaker and vocals), **Albert Morgan** (rumba box), **Etienne Charles** (trumpet), **Clifton Anderson** (trombone), **Dean Fraser** (alto sax), **Charles Dougherty** (sax), **Carlton James** a.k.a. “Blackie” (banjo and vocals), **Pluto Shervington** (guitar and vocals) and “**Designer**” (vocals).

The original concert was taped for BET J on March 8, 2008 in The Allen Room, Frederick P. Rose Hall, Home of Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City.

## WHEN:

Airing on BET J, Saturday, August 9, 2008 at 1:30pm and 7:30pm.

### Concert Sponsors:

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**Note:** **Monty Alexander** returns to Jazz at Lincoln Center in The Allen Room on March 27 and 28, 2009 for *Monty Alexander: Harlem-Kingston Express*. For more information, visit [www.jalc.org](http://www.jalc.org).

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