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Wycliffe Gordon: <http://www.jalc.org/about/artists.asp>

Middle School Jazz Academy: http://www.jalc.org/about/2009_galleries/msja/index.htm

Jazz at Lincoln Center Announces FREE Concert in Rose Theater Featuring Wycliffe Gordon to Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Sponsored by Target

Who/What/Where/When:

Trombonist **Wycliffe Gordon** and friends will perform a special **free** concert in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 19, 2009. Performance will take place in Rose Theater at Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz at Lincoln Center at 7 p.m. No reservations; First come, first served. Seating is general admission. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Jazz at Lincoln Center is also celebrating with other events on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:

2:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Two free family-friendly performances by trombonist **Wycliffe Gordon**, opening with Jazz at Lincoln Center's **Middle School Jazz Academy Ensemble**. Concerts to take place in the Irene Diamond Education Center, Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz at Lincoln Center, Broadway at 60th Street; free and open to the public. No reservations, first come, first served. Seating is general admission.

7:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

Pianist **Cyrus Chestnut** headlines *A Celebration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* with tenor saxophonist **Stacy Dillard** and friends in Dizzy's Club *Coca-Cola* at Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz at Lincoln Center, on Broadway at 60th St. Cover charge is \$20 with a \$10 minimum for tables and \$5 minimum at the bar. Students' cover charge is \$10. Reservations can be made by calling 212.258.9595.

All events are recommended for ages 6 and up.

How:

For more information, visit: www.jalc.org/letfreedomswing.

Background:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a music lover. He once said, "Jazz speaks for life. The blues tell the story of life's difficulties, and if you think for a moment, you will realize that they take the hardest realities of life and put them into music, only to come out with some new hope or sense of triumph. This is triumphant music. Modern jazz has

continued in this tradition, singing the songs of a more complicated urban existence. When life itself offers no order and meaning, the musician creates an order and meaning from the sounds of the earth which flow through his instrument."

Sponsorship:

Target is proud to support Jazz at Lincoln Center's celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with free concerts for jazz fans of all ages. As a company, Target is dedicated to supporting and practicing Dr. King's values of equality, respect, and service and continues to honor his memory through volunteerism and community giving.

Target believes in the power of partnerships with leading cultural institutions to foster creativity, promote learning and build stronger communities. When Target opened its first store in 1962, it was with a strong commitment to support and empower the communities its stores serve. Today, that tradition is reflected in the Target grant-making program, through which Target gives more than \$3 million each week to communities across the country with a focus on education, the arts, social services and volunteerism. In addition to financial support, Target team members, retirees, families and friends volunteer millions of hours to community projects. Minneapolis-based Target serves guests at 1,684 stores in 48 states nationwide.

Snacks and beverages for the afternoon events are graciously donated by Whole Foods™ Market Columbus Circle.

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