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Vincent Gardner



Wynton Marsalis

**JAZZ , TAP AND THEATER
FEATURING WORLD PREMIERE OF “JESSE B. SEMPLE”
BY VINCENT GARDNER
AND “SPACES” BY WYNTON MARSALIS
PERFORMED BY THE JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA
AND TAP DANCERS
DEWITT FLEMING, JR. AND JARED GRIMES**

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Vincent Gardner: <http://www.jalc.org/concerts/artist2.asp?PersonID=149>

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis:

http://www.jalc.org/about/band_photos/jlco_photos/index.htm

Who/What:

Jazz, Tap and Theater features music, dance, oration and world premiere music by trombonist Vincent Gardner. Wynton Marsalis' "Spaces" will also be performed, five movements showcasing the tap dance of Dewitt Fleming, Jr. and Jared Grimes.

Gardner's work, called the "Jesse B. Semple Suite," is inspired by the great 20th century author Langston Hughes and his collection of "Simple Stories" about the fictional Jesse B. Semple, an ordinary man-about-town of 1940s and 1950s Harlem.

Scored for and performed by the **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra**, "Jesse B. Semple Suite," evokes the humor and wit of Hughes' "Simple" oeuvre, but also the social turbulences of a time when scores of African Americans migrated to Harlem to escape the racism of the South, only to be confronted with the same and new frustrations.

"Jesse B. Semple Suite" movements are adapted for the stage and performed by guest actors portraying Semple and other characters in the story.

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When:

April 16, 17 & 18 2009, 8 p.m.

Where:

Rose Theater, Frederick P. Rose Hall, Home of Jazz at Lincoln Center, Broadway at 60th Street; New York, New York

How:

All single tickets can be purchased through www.jalc.org or CenterCharge at 212-721-6500, open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased at the Jazz at Lincoln Center Box Office, located on Broadway at 60th Street, ground floor. Box office hours: Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m to 6 p.m. (or 30 minutes past curtain) and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. (or 30 minutes past curtain).

Tickets:

Ticket prices are \$30, \$50, \$75, \$95, \$120.

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