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Louis Armstrong Collages Free Exhibition at Jazz at Lincoln Center

Who/What:

Jazz at Lincoln Center presents a free art exhibition entitled *The Collage Aesthetic of Louis Armstrong: "In the Cause of Happiness."* The exhibition is open to the public and features large scale images of collages created by Armstrong from clips of photographs, news stories, postcards, letters, telegrams and other materials that Armstrong artfully affixed to the boxes of his vast private collection of audio tapes.

In a letter to a friend in 1953, Louis Armstrong said, *"My hobbie (one of them anyway) is using a lot of scotch tape... My hobbie is to pick out different things during what I read and piece them together and make a little story of my own."*

When:

May 2 – September 26, 2009

Where:

Peter Jay Sharp Arcade, 5th floor, Frederick P. Rose Hall, Home of Jazz at Lincoln Center, Broadway at 60th Street; New York, New York.

Admission:

The exhibit is FREE and open to the public, Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Monday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

What Else:

The exhibition coincides with the release of an art book of Armstrong's collages, *Satchmo: The Wonderful World and Art of Louis Armstrong* (New York: Abrams, 2009), and an exhibition of a selection of Armstrong's original collages at the Louis Armstrong House Museum in Corona, Queens, entitled *A Little Story of My Own: Louis Armstrong's Collages* (open now through July 12, 2009).

Sponsors:

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