



**Dizzy's Club *Coca-Cola***

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## Jazz at Lincoln Center: *Playing Our Parts*

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Benefit Concert For

THE JAZZ FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

October 6, 2009 – Dizzy's Club *Coca-Cola* – 7:30 & 9:30 p.m.

### WHO/WHAT:

Joe Lovano and John Scofield team up with Jazz at Lincoln Center to bring together incredible performers in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual benefit concert *Playing Our Parts* at Dizzy's Club *Coca-Cola* on October 6, 2009 with sets at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. All artists are donating their services, Jazz at Lincoln Center is donating its venue and caterer Great Performances is donating the complimentary hors d'oeuvres and wines to raise much-needed revenue for **The Jazz Foundation of America's Jazz Musicians' Emergency Fund**. We invite the jazz community and music fans to come together in remembrance of jazz bassist Dennis Irwin, who passed away last year due to a serious illness, and in support of all those jazz musicians in need of health care today. This annual event follows the first benefit held in March 2008 at Jazz at Lincoln Center in honor of Dennis Irwin.

The concert will feature performances by:

- John Scofield
- Joe Lovano
- Brad Mehldau
- Jim Hall
- Bobby Hutcherson
- Lee Konitz
- Cedar Walton
- Joey DeFrancesco
- David Williams
- Matt Penman
- Matt Wilson

**WHEN:**

Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m.

**WHERE:**

Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola, Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz at Lincoln Center, on Broadway at 60th St., New York City.

**RESERVATIONS:**

The \$100/pp price of admission includes one complimentary glass of wine and passed hors d'oeuvres. For reservations, beginning September 8<sup>th</sup> call Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola at 212-258-9595 or visit [jalc.org/dccc](http://jalc.org/dccc). The price of admission, minus \$25, is tax deductible. All proceeds from this concert will go to The Jazz Foundation of America's Jazz Musicians' Emergency Fund. For more information go to: [jalc.org/dccc](http://jalc.org/dccc).

**HOW TO HELP:**

If you are unable to attend the concert but wish to make a tax-deductible contribution, please do so as follows:

**CHECKS:**

Make payable to:  
The Jazz Foundation of America

**MAIL TO:**

The Jazz Foundation of America  
322 West 48<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> floor  
New York, NY 10036

**ONLINE:**

Donate online at [jazzfoundation.org](http://jazzfoundation.org)

**BACKGROUND:****Joe Lovano:**

"*Playing Our Parts* is a beautiful celebration of life within the jazz community of New York to raise funds in support of the countless musicians who dedicate their lives bringing us this joyous music. Together with Jazz at Lincoln Center, the Jazz Foundation and Englewood Hospital, I am really proud to be a part of this annual event in Dennis Irwin's name. Please support this vital call and play your part! Hope to see you there!"

**John Scofield:**

"Many musicians are in that enormous group of self-employed individuals who have no health insurance and this can be a killer. People don't want to get regular checkups because of the fees. As was the case with our friend Dennis Irwin, a



serious illness can go undiagnosed until it's too late. We hope to raise a significant amount of money to support the programs that help so many musicians with so few alternatives. Join us."

**Wendy Oxenhorn – The Jazz Foundation of America:**

"Through the Jazz Musicians' Emergency Fund, we pay rents when musicians are too sick to work, keep food on their tables, and thanks to our 14-year partnership with Englewood Hospital's Dizzy Gillespie Memorial Fund, we can also provide free medical treatment for uninsured musicians. We consider it a privilege to be there for these national treasures after all the times their music has been there for us. We're keeping Jazz and Blues alive...one musician at a time."

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Hi resolution photos of the initial Dennis Irwin Benefit Concert in The Allen Room:  
[http://www.jalc.org/about/2007\\_galleries/irwin\\_benefit/](http://www.jalc.org/about/2007_galleries/irwin_benefit/)

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