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**JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA  
WITH WYNTON MARSALIS  
PLUS BEST HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BANDS  
IN U.S.A.  
PLAY ELLINGTON, WILLIAMS & BASIE \$20**

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**Who/What:**

Jazz at Lincoln Center's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual *Essentially Ellington* High School Jazz Band Competition & Festival culminates when the **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis** joins the top three high school jazz bands across North America for the final concert of the festival. The first half of the concert will feature the three high school bands performing with guest soloist Wynton Marsalis. After intermission, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra will perform next season's *Essentially Ellington* repertoire with special guest vocalist **Gregory Porter**. Repertoire includes music composed for the **Count Basie Orchestra**, "Every Day I Have the Blues," "Swingin' The Blues," and "Tipping on the QT" and by Duke Ellington, "Harlem Speaks," "Portrait of Mahalia Jackson" from The New Orleans Suite plus "Prelude to a Kiss" composed by Ellington and arranged by Billy Strayhorn.

Top three finalist bands chosen from:

Albany High School, *Albany, CA*

Rio Americano High School, *Sacramento, CA*

Dillard Center for the Arts, *Fort Lauderdale, FL*

New World School of the Arts, *Miami, FL*

The Lovett School, *Atlanta, GA*

Foxboro High School, *Foxboro, MA*

King Philip Regional High School, *Wrentham, MA*

F. H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts, *New York, NY*  
Plano Senior High School, *Plano, TX*  
Carroll Senior High School, *Southlake, TX*  
Edmonds-Woodway High School, *Edmonds, WA*  
Garfield High School, *Seattle, WA*  
Roosevelt High School, *Seattle, WA*  
Eau Claire Memorial High School, *Eau Claire, WI*  
Wauwatosa East High School, *Wauwatosa, WI*

Also featured in exhibition at the Festival will be the winning community ensemble, Tucson Jazz Institute from Tucson, AZ.

For more information on *Essentially Ellington* please visit: [jalc.org/essentiallyellington](http://jalc.org/essentiallyellington). For a full schedule of Competition & Festival events including workshops, jam sessions, etc. please visit: [jalc.org/jazzED/ee/f\\_timeline09.html](http://jalc.org/jazzED/ee/f_timeline09.html).

**Where:**

Avery Fisher Hall, 10 Lincoln Center Plaza, at the corner of Columbus Avenue and 65th Street, New York, NY

**When:**

Monday, May 10, 2010, 7:30pm

**How:**

Tickets are \$20-25 and are available at the Jazz at Lincoln Center Box Office on Broadway at 60<sup>th</sup> Street, at the Avery Fisher Box Office at 10 Lincoln Center Plaza, by calling CenterCharge at (212) 721-6500 or via [jalc.org](http://jalc.org).

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