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JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER'S FATS WALLER FESTIVAL

The Music of Fats Waller

With Music Director Andy Farber and Host Ben Vereen

April 16-17, 8pm in Rose Theater

Fats Waller: A Handful of Keys

**Featuring pianists Dick Hyman, Judy Carmichael
and Marcus Roberts**

April 16-17 at 7:30pm & 9:30pm in The Allen Room

Jazz at Lincoln Center celebrates Thomas 'Fats' Waller, known as one of the most ingenious of all stride pianists, an exceptional composer and a gifted entertainer with a relentless sense of humor.

Who/What/Where: The Music of Fats Waller

April 16-17, 8pm in Rose Theater, Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz at Lincoln Center, Broadway at 60th Street

Under the musical direction of composer, arranger, and saxophonist **Andy Farber**, a cast of musicians will re-animate the theatrical side of the Fats Waller Songbook in a retrospective of his all too short career. Farber notes, “Fats appealed to the connoisseur and the layperson with his mastery of the stride piano and pop music.”

Entertainer, singer, dancer, and performer **Ben Vereen** will serve as host and perform. The rhythm section includes pianist **Ehud Asherie**, bassist **Ben Wolfe**, guitarist **Doug Wamble**, and drummer **Alvester Garnett**. Along with **Andy Farber** on saxophone, the horn section includes clarinetist and saxophonist **Dan Block**, and trumpeter **John-Erik Kellso**. Vocalists **Carla Cook** and **Allan Harris** will also perform.

Nightly pre-concert discussions hosted by Ken Druker are free to ticket holders at 7pm.

- Tickets at \$30, \$50, \$75, \$95 and \$120 are available at the Jazz at Lincoln Center Box Office on Broadway at 60th St., by calling CenterCharge at 212-721-6500 or via jalc.org. Box Office hours: Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun 12pm-6pm. **\$10 Hot Seats** are available for purchase to the general public on Wednesday of show week at the Jazz at Lincoln Center Box Office. Subject to availability.

Who/What/Where: Fats Waller: A Handful of Keys

April 16-17, 7:30pm & 9:30pm in The Allen Room, Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz at Lincoln Center, Broadway at 60th Street

Veteran stride masters **Dick Hyman**, **Judy Carmichael**, and **Marcus Roberts** join forces to explore the Harlem stride style that Waller made famous. Repertoire will include Waller favorites such as “Honeysuckle Rose” and “Ain’t Misbehavin’.” Carmichael, who Count Basie nicknamed, “Stride,” will also lend her voice to the lyrics that made Waller one of the most loved entertainers. Roberts says of Waller, “his impact on the music went beyond piano, beyond jazz- he’s an American institution.”

This event is part of the Lincoln Center 50 Years celebration.

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More Fats Waller Festival Festivities: Pre-concert Festival

Jazz at Lincoln Center teams up with local businesses and organizations in the Atrium at Frederick P. Rose Hall for a FREE pre-concert festival featuring live music, food and beverage samples, and more. Participants include Harlem Brewery, caterer Great Performances, Spoonbread restaurant, the Jazz Museum in Harlem, Jazz Record Center, and Harlem Arts Alliance.

Sirius XM Features Fats Waller

To celebrate the Fats Waller Festival and Jazz Appreciation Month, Sirius XM's Mark Ruffin will feature Fats Waller April 16th starting at 4 pm Eastern time on Real Jazz, Sirius channel 72 and XM channel 70. The show will include music from the Waller Songbook and interviews with Andy Farber and Judy Carmichael. Additionally, "The Music of Fats Waller" in Rose Theater will be broadcast live Saturday, April 17 at 8pm and "Fats Waller: A Handful of Keys" will be broadcast the following Saturday, April 24 at 8pm.

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