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JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ANNOUNCES FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON FOR *ESSENTIALLY ELLINGTON* PROGRAM

Who/What:

Jazz at Lincoln Center announces a special fundraising luncheon to benefit its *Essentially Ellington* High School Jazz Band Program, Monday, May 10, 2010. The luncheon, hosted by Diana DiMenna and Ashley Schiff Ramos, will feature a brief performance by *Essentially Ellington* alumni Carlos Henriquez and Erica von Kleist.

Now in its 15th year, *Essentially Ellington (EE)* is a unique music education program that has **reached more than 300,000 students in more than 3,000 high schools** across all 50 U.S. states, Canada, Australia and American schools abroad. *EE* has produced and distributed more than **90,000 copies of 86 previously unavailable scores**. The program culminates in its prestigious Competition & Festival where the top 15 high school jazz bands compete and participate in workshops, jam sessions, and more. The three top-placing bands perform with Artistic Director of Jazz at Lincoln Center, Wynton Marsalis, as guest soloist, followed by a performance by the 15-piece Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra – whose members serve as mentors for the finalist bands throughout the weekend. The Festival's finale is an awards ceremony honoring outstanding soloists, sections and the top three bands. The Competition & Festival is the culmination of the annual *Essentially Ellington* High School Jazz Band Program, which also includes regional festivals, curriculum resources, a summer Band Director Academy, monthly newsletters, and more.

For more information on *Essentially Ellington* please visit:
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.

Where:

Dizzy's Club *Coca-Cola* at Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz at Lincoln Center

When:

Monday, May 10, 2010, 11:30am

How:

Tickets are \$500 per person or \$5,000 for a table of eight. To purchase tickets, please call the Special Events office at 212-258-9961.

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