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**JAZZ CLASSES FOR TODDLERS: WEBOP[®]
FALL, WINTER AND SPRING TERMS
FREE TRIAL CLASSES AVAILABLE**



Who/What/When:

Jazz at Lincoln Center's announces the 2010-11 season of **WeBop**, with fall term now open for enrollment. Named "best music class in the city" by *New York Family*, this early-childhood jazz education program teaches children (ages 8 months—5 years) and their parents/caregivers about jazz's improvisation, creative process, instruments, styles, and great performers. The classes provide a creative outlet for parents and children to explore jazz as a tool to educate and express themselves together.

WeBop classes are weekly with enrollment dates as outlined below. Free trial classes are available for each term.

Fall Term, ABC's of Jazz

Explore the essentials of jazz, including swing, improvisation, blues, scat, riffs, and call and response.

September 28- November 21, 2010

On sale now

Trial classes: Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 19

Winter Term, Meet the Jazz Band

Discover the instruments of a swinging jazz band, including piano, bass, drums, trumpet, saxophone, and trombone. Each week students are joined by a special guest musician.

January 11-March 6, 2011

On sale: November 16, 2010

Trial classes: Saturday, December 4 and Sunday, December 12, 2010

Spring Term, **People of Jazz**

Get to know the lively music and vibrant personalities of jazz legends Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzy Gillespie, John Coltrane, Thelonious Monk, and Charles Mingus.

March 8-May 8, 2011

On sale: February 22, 2011

Trial class: Sunday, February 13, 2011

Classes are segmented based on age from 8 months—5 years:

- HIPSTERS: 8-16 months old
- SCATTERS: Walking-23 months old
- STOMPERS: 2-3 years old
- GUMBO GROUP: 3-5 years old
- SYNCOPATORS: 4-5 years old

WeBop is produced in collaboration with Dr. Lori Custodero of Teachers College at Columbia University.

Where:

Louis Armstrong Classroom, Irene Diamond Education Center, Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz at Lincoln Center, Broadway at 60th Street, New York City.

How:

Register by visiting jalc.org/webop or calling the WeBop registration line at 212-258-9835 (M-F 10am-5pm.); \$300 for an 8 week-term. 10% off sibling discounts available.

Term and trial class schedules are available after on sale dates listed above.

RSVP is required for trial classes by emailing webop@jalc.org or 212-258-9835.

Sponsorship:

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New York Family is the official media partner for the WeBop 2010-11 season.

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