



Documentary Channel Celebrates the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with the Premiere of  
Jazz at Lincoln Center's "Let Freedom Swing"

*An Engaging Exploration of Jazz Music and Democracy  
Featuring Wynton Marsalis and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. June 23, 2011- Documentary Channel (DOC) is proud to celebrate Independence Day with the premiere of Jazz at Lincoln Center's spectacular documentary film "Let Freedom Swing" on Monday, July 4 at 7:00 p.m. (ET/PT).

"Let Freedom Swing" is an engaging exploration of the relationship between jazz music and democracy. Two iconic Americans: retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, and musician, composer, educator and Artistic Director of Jazz at Lincoln Center, Wynton Marsalis, are at the heart of this powerful documentary, which debuted at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. on the eve of President Barack Obama's historic inauguration in January, 2009.

The conversations in *Let Freedom Swing* are set against historical footage documenting the birth and development of jazz in the US. Included are snapshots of performances and commentary by young students as well as established jazz musicians including Wynton Marsalis, as well as Walter Blanding, Bill Charlap, Carla Cook, Jimmy Heath, Carlos Henriquez, Vijay Iyer, Ali Jackson, Erica von Kleist, Kuni Mikami, and Kabir Sehgal. In addition, historians such as Akhil Amar, Carol Berkin, David Blight, Joanne Freeman, and Phil Schaap add their insights to the richness of the discussions. The conversations challenge viewers in unique ways to consider the realities of America's past and the promise of America's future.

A unique collaboration between The Rockefeller Foundation, Jazz at Lincoln Center, The Documentary Group, and Columbia University's Teachers College, "Let Freedom Swing" is an informative and inspiring celebration of America.

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**About Jazz at Lincoln Center:** Jazz at Lincoln Center is dedicated to inspiring and growing audiences for jazz. With the world-renowned Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and a comprehensive array of guest artists, Jazz at Lincoln Center advances a unique vision for the continued development of the art of jazz by producing a year-

round schedule of performance, education and broadcast events for audiences of all ages. These productions include concerts, national and international tours, residencies, a jazz hall of fame, weekly national radio programs, recordings, publications, an annual high school jazz band competition and festival, a band director academy, jazz appreciation curriculum for students, music publishing, children's concerts, lectures, adult education courses, student and educator workshops and interactive websites. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Wynton Marsalis, Chairman Lisa Schiff, and Executive Director Adrian Ellis, Jazz at Lincoln Center produces thousands of events each season in its home in New York City, Frederick P. Rose Hall, and around the world. For more information, visit [jalc.org](http://jalc.org)

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