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**JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER AND TIME WARNER CENTER'S CIRCLE OF TASTE PRESENT
A TASTE OF JAZZ**

Celebration Marks the Inauguration of "Jazz Day" on April 9th (During Jazz Appreciation Month)

*Chefs from the Center's Restaurant and Bar Collection Present Dishes
Inspired by the Great American Jazz Cities*

Special Music Performance by Members of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra

WHAT: Bebop, swing and New Orleans jazz will inspire chefs and menus alike for one hoppin' evening at the first ever *A Taste of Jazz* event. Celebrate the cuisine of some of the country's greatest jazz cities in this culinary tribute to the launch of *Jazz Day*, part of *Jazz Appreciation Month* in April.

This fusion of culinary creativity and America's art form will also feature a septet of unforgettable music and discussion led by saxophonist **Walter Blanding** of the **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra**.

- Walter Blanding bio: http://www.jalc.org/jazzcast/jvid_band09.html
- Walter Blanding photo: http://www.jalc.org/about/band_photos/solos/index09.html
- Jazz at Lincoln Center bio: http://www.jalc.org/about/press/0910_press_kit/Jazz%20at%20Lincoln%20Center%20Background.pdf

Jazz at Lincoln Center Executive Director Adrian Ellis says "We're proud to celebrate Jazz Day April 9th with our partners in our home at Time Warner Center, and we're looking forward to a swinging set from Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra member, the great Walter Blanding. Jazz plays an important role in the heritage and life of this country and has had a significant impact worldwide, bringing joy to people of all ages."

April 9th, 2010 marks the inauguration of *Jazz Day*, established last year by the U.S. Conference of Mayors (http://usmayors.org/resolutions/77th_conference/tapes07.asp) as a specific day during *Jazz Appreciation Month* to build awareness and celebrate the rich heritage of jazz as an historic and living American art form. In 2001, The Smithsonian launched *Jazz Appreciation Month*. It has since grown to include celebrations in all 50 states and 40 countries which promote the joys, power, and glories of this living treasure.

Time Warner Center's premiere culinary club, *Circle of Taste*, provides exclusive access, behind the scenes events and one-on-one experiences with New York City's leading chefs from the Center's Restaurant and Bar Collection. Membership is free and open to all. Patrons can enroll at www.circleoftaste.com

WHERE: Time Warner Center
10 Columbus Circle, 2nd floor
NY, NY 10019
Columbus Circle and 59th Street
Subways: 1, A,B,C,D

WHEN: Friday, April 9, 2010
6:30pm-9pm

PRICE: \$85, all inclusive Go to www.circleoftaste.com to purchase tickets

MENU:

- **Masa** – Chef **Masa** Takayama hits a high note by way of **Los Angeles** with Jazzy Duck – marinated duck with foie gras inside of a cucumber petal
- **A Voce** - Chef Missy Robbins pays homage to her sweet home, **Chicago**, with Citrus Cured Sardines and Fennel
- **Porter House New York** – Chef Michael Lomonaco will be improvising on **The Big Apple** with NY Strip Steak & NY Cheesecake
- **Landmarc** – Chef Marc Murphy explores his French roots via **New Orleans** with Shrimp gumbo
- **Bouchon Bakery** – Composes a **San Francisco** themed treat with Sourdough Parker House rolls filled with a single origin chocolate custard
- *Additional dishes inspired by Jazz city greats **Kansas City** and **Austin**, including
 - Slow smoked ribs with molasses bourbon BBQ sauce;
 - 3 cheese mac & cheese,
 - “DLT” Duck Prosciutto with black pepper gougere, baby arugula and cherry tomato,
 - Collard green quiche with lardon and micro kale,
 - Jonah crab croquette with guacamole and lime
- Full Bar with specialty cocktail, Bourbon-Mint Iced Tea