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Monty Alexander Celebrates the
Music of Jamaica & Trinidad

The Lords of the West Indies

March 7 & 8, 2008 – The Allen Room



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WHO/WHAT:

Jamaican jazz pianist **Monty Alexander** brings together an ensemble of musicians from neighboring islands and cultures to celebrate the intersection of Caribbean music with jazz. The first half of the program will focus on Trinidadian calypso, while the second half of the program highlights Jamaican mento and will include a singing group featuring banjo, guitar, rumba box and maracas. **Mr. Alexander** (piano, music director), **Hassan Shakur** (bass) and **Herlin Riley** (drums) accompany the best from the islands, including **Carlton James** a.k.a. "Blackie" (banjo and vocals), **Pluto Shervington** (guitar and vocals), **Dean Fraser** (alto sax), **David "Happy" Williams** (acoustic bass/vocals), **Etienne Charles** (trumpet), **Charles Dougherty** (sax), **"Designer"** (vocals) and **Clifton Anderson** (trombone). The performance presents a unique opportunity to experience authentic mento, with the inclusion of **Joseph Bennett** (shaker and vocals), **Albert Morgan** (rumba box) and **Desi Jones** (drums/percussion).

***** Come early for food and beverage samplings of the Caribbean and live music performances in the Atrium at 7:00pm.*****

WHEN:

March 7 & 8, 2008, 7:30pm & 9:30pm

WHERE:

The Allen Room, Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz at Lincoln Center, on Broadway at 60th St., New York City.

HOW:

Tickets at \$60 are available at the Jazz at Lincoln Center Box Office on Broadway at 60th St., by calling CenterCharge at (212) 721-6500 or via www.jalc.org.

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