

Are You the **NEXT** Mary Lou Williams

At the age of eight she was known as "the little piano girl." Then she was billed as "The Girl Who Swings the Band." Eventually, Mary Lou Williams became one of the finest musicians in jazz history, male or female.

Now, in celebration of Mary Lou's 100th birthday, Jazz at Lincoln Center and Artistic Director Wynton Marsalis are looking for a girl to swing our band, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra (JLCO). We're searching the entire country for a female jazz pianist age 15 or under to perform one song with the JLCO as part of the Jazz for Young People® concert Who is Mary Lou Williams? November 6 and 7, 2009.

If you fit the bill, we invite you to download the sheet music for Mary Lou Williams' piano feature "Close to Five" and **submit a DVD** of your performance (solo or with rhythm section accompaniment) for competition by **Wednesday October 14, 2009 at 5:00PM EST.**

This competition is open to any female who is:

- a 15 years of age or younger as of November 7, 2009
- b Lives in the continental United States
- c Has a parent/adult available to chaperone in New York City on November 5-7.

Enter now at jalco.org/MaryLou

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