



Wynton Marsalis

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World-renowned trumpeter, bandleader, and composer, Wynton Marsalis is a leading advocate of American culture.

Wynton assembled his own band in 1981 and began touring, performing over 120 concerts annually for fifteen consecutive years. With the power of his musicianship, the infectious sound of his swinging bands, and a far-reaching series of performances and music workshops, Wynton rekindled interest in jazz worldwide and inspired a renaissance that attracted a new generation of fine young talent to jazz. He has recorded over 100 jazz and classical recordings, which have garnered nine Grammy Awards and sold over seven million copies worldwide. In 1997, Wynton became the first jazz artist to be awarded the prestigious Pulitzer Prize in Music for his oratorio Blood on the Fields. Wynton presently serves as Managing and Artistic Director of Jazz at Lincoln Center and Director of Jazz Studies at Juilliard.