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Attention jazz fans! @jazzdotorg with @WyntonMarsalis returns with special guest @ChickCorea as they play the music from Thelonious Monk 4/8 at the @KimmelCenter. More info @KimmelCenter.org

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**JAZZ LEGENDS WYNTON MARSALIS & CHICK COREA  
TO HONOR THELONIOUS MONK  
ON THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS  
APRIL 8, 2018**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, February 22, 2018) — Twenty two-time Grammy® Award-winning jazz pianist **Chick Corea** joins legendary musician **Wynton Marsalis** and the **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra** on **Sunday, April 8, 2018** at **7:30 p.m.** in the **Academy of Music** to perform the music of master pianist and composer **Thelonious Monk**. During this return engagement, the band will perform Corea's favorite seminal pieces by Monk, often referred to as the high priest of modern music, which have been rearranged and recrafted into incredible new versions by the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra's talented arrangers.

"We are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the great, jazz innovator Thelonious Monk, so the timing is perfect for the return of The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis to the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Joined by the incomparable Chick Corea this year, the band will take audiences on a journey through the mesmerizing sounds of this renowned musician."

From a young age, Wynton Marsalis had an inclination towards making music. Shortly after enrolling at Juilliard in 1979, Marsalis signed with Columbia Records and toured for 15 years. In 1987, he founded Jazz at Lincoln Center and currently serves as its Managing and Artistic director. The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra is made up of 15 of the finest soloists, ensemble players, and arrangers in jazz music today.

Chick Corea's more than 50 year career has kept him at the forefront of jazz, both as a renowned pianist forging new ground with his acoustic jazz bands and as an innovative electric keyboardist. His extensive discography boasts numerous albums, as well as 63 Grammy Award nominations – making him the fourth most nominated artist in Grammy history. Corea's eclectic sounds range from straight ahead to avant-garde, bebop to fusion, children's songs to chamber music, and much more.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Deepak Chopra** (March 15, 2018, Merriam Theater), **Regina Carter: *Simple Ella*** (March 24, 2018, Perelman Theater), ***On Your Feet!*** (April 10-15, Academy of Music), **Jazz Residency Artist Luke Carlos O'Reilly** (May 3, 2018, SEI Innovation Studio), and **Brandi Carlile** (May 18, 2018, Merriam Theater).

### **JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA WITH WYNTON MARSALIS AND CHICK COREA**

#### **Academy of Music**

*April 8, 2018, 7:30 p.m.*

#### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$59.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org), or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling 215-790-5883. See [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org) for more information.

#### **The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts**

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, the Kimmel Center's mission is to operate a world-class performing arts center that engages and serves a broad audience through diverse programming, arts education, and community outreach. The Kimmel Center Campus is comprised of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, SEI Innovation Studio, and the Merck Arts Education Center), the Academy of Music (owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association), and the Merriam Theater. The Kimmel Center is also home to eight Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, The Pennsylvania Ballet, The Philly POPS, PHILADANCO, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society and Curtis Institute of Music. With nearly 9,000 seats per night, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is the season sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2017-2018 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org).

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