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**FIRST-EVER TILLES JAZZ FEST COMES TO LIU POST JULY 20
NINE PERFORMANCES ACROSS FOUR STAGES, INCLUDING NEA JAZZ MASTER BRANFORD MARSALIS**

Unprecedented Event Presented in Collaboration with Jazz at Lincoln Center takes over the LIU Post/Tilles Center Campus with outdoor and indoor stages plus family activities

(Brookville, New York... July 2024)

The first ever **Tilles Jazz Fest** comes to life July 20th, in a one-day outdoor and indoor event hosted on the beautiful **Long Island University Post** campus on **July 20, 2024**. Nine concerts will take place from 1 pm to 10 pm, including a traditional New Orleans style "second line" parade around the festival grounds. Produced by **Tilles Center for the Performing Arts** in collaboration with **Jazz at Lincoln Center**, the festival features eight of the hottest established and rising stars in jazz, including headliner **Branford Marsalis** and his **Quartet**, Long Islander **Matt Wilson** and his **Good Trouble** project, Hempstead native **Brandee Younger**, and more celebrated artists. Student ensembles from Long Island University, Sea Cliff, and two area high schools will also perform. Attendees are encouraged to picnic on the lawn and enjoy food trucks and fun activities throughout the day.

Nine professional concerts will take place throughout the day and into the evening on four stages across the verdant Long Island University Post campus. Two outdoor venues include the **Dime Mainstage** on the Great Lawn, and the charming and idyllic **Rose Garden**. Intimate performances will be held inside the historic **Winnick House**, the original home of American breakfast cereal inventor Charles William Post, and his daughter Marjorie Merriweather Post. The final show of the evening will take place indoors at **Tilles Center's Krasnoff Theater**.

Gates open at noon on July 20, with the first performance starting at 1 pm, and additional shows throughout the day. Seating for all daytime events is general admission, and attendees are invited to bring picnics, blankets, and chairs. Daytime festivities include food trucks such as **Green Street Eatery**, and **Demi's Spot Food Truck**; local artisans and vendors, including **Rosie's Vintage** selling vinyl albums and vintage goods; and an "instrument petting zoo" perfect for kids.

In partnership with **Nassau County Tourism**, a limited number of ticket packages including a free express bus to and from Jazz at Lincoln Center's Columbus Circle home in New York City will be made available. Departure times from NYC and Tilles Center will be timed for Day Pass and Evening Show attendance. To take advantage, patrons must reserve bus tickets by purchasing packages online or through the box office.

Tilles Center's Executive and Artistic Director, **Tom Dunn**, remarked, "We're thrilled to unveil this first-ever and first-annual landmark event. In collaboration with our friends at Jazz at Lincoln Center, we're set to transform the beautiful LIU Post campus into a vibrant hub of music and fun on July 20. It promises to be an unforgettable day for our entire community to celebrate summer with the joy of live jazz."

Jazz at Lincoln Center's **Georgina Javor**, Vice President Concerts and Touring, said, "We're so pleased to extend our long-standing collaboration with Tilles Center to create this exciting new event, and the lineup of artists are a who's who of established and upcoming talent."

Participating artists include:

NEA Jazz Master, Grammy Award winner, and Tony nominee **Branford Marsalis** and his **Quartet** headline at 7:30 pm in Tilles Center's *Krasnoff Theatre*. Known for his versatility across genres, compositions, and commitment to education, mentorship, and community, Marsalis leads on tenor and soprano sax, with pianist **Joey Calderazzo**, bassist **Eric Revis**, and drummer **Justin Faulkner** rounding out the group. After more than three decades of minimal personnel changes, including a stint as house band on **The Tonight Show**, the ensemble is revered for its unique interpretation of both original compositions and jazz and popular classics.

Matt Wilson's Good Trouble, a special project comprised of a stellar team of jazz musicians featuring **Tia Fuller**, **Dawn Clement**, **Mimi Jones**, and **Jeff Lederer**. Wilson formerly served as a faculty member at LIU and curated the "Jazz on Stage" series at Tilles Center. He is also the recipient of many awards and accolades and has performed with a veritable who's who of jazz greats. Matt's group can be found on the Dime Mainstage at 3 pm.

Innovative harpist and Hempstead native **Brandee Younger** was named winner of DownBeat Critics Poll in the category of "Rising Star" harpist and was nominated for the Grammy Award for Best Instrumental Composition, making history as the first black woman to be nominated in that category. Brandee plays in the Rose Garden at 4 pm.

Rising star pianist **Sean Mason** is a Juilliard graduate and recently released his debut album "The Southern Suite" in October 2023. Noted for his unique voice steeped in the sound of the South, he brings his eponymous **Sean Mason Quartet** to the Dime Mainstage at 5 pm.

Lyrical and swinging trombonist **Mariel Bildsten** has earned global distinction through her performances with classic and modern jazz greats. Her arrangements and originals celebrate the music of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and more. Mariel appears in Winnick House at 4 pm and will also lead a jazz second line across the campus at 5:45 pm.

Young jazz vibraphonist **Jalen Baker** has received accolades including outstanding soloist at two festivals and was named as a member of the Chicago Next Gen Allstars by the Chicago Jazz Institute. His album "This is Me. This is Us." was chosen as the #4 Best Jazz Debut in 2021. The **Jalen Baker Duo** plays at 2 pm in the Winnick House.

Georgia Heers is a vocalist and composer, and a graduate of Oberlin College and Conservatory, and The Juilliard School. Her voice has taken her to many legendary venues across New York, including Dizzy's Minton's Playhouse, Smalls and many others. Georgia will perform at 1 pm on the Dime Mainstage.

Student ensembles will also be on hand, including two LIU groups, the **LIU Jazz Sharks** and **LIU Jazz Combo** greeting guests from 12:15 – 1:15 pm at both Tilles Center entrances, Monter and Castagna Plazas. Two area schools, **Harborfields High School Jazz Band**, and **The Elmont Global Jazz Orchestra**, will perform in the Rose Garden at 2 pm. Sea Cliff's own **North Shore Jazz Quartet**, inclusive of current conservatory and high school students, will perform at 6:30 pm at Tilles Center's outdoor Castagna plaza.

Tickets are on sale now. Day Passes, All-Event Passes, and Evening Only tickets are available with ticket prices beginning at \$20. Tilles Center Members & Subscribers save 10% off regular adult ticket prices. Tickets can be purchased online at tillescenter.org or ticketmaster.com, in-person at Tilles Center's Tantleff Box Office or by telephone at 516.299.3100. The box office, located at 720 Northern Boulevard (Route 25A) in Brookville, New York, is open Monday to Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. Fees are associated with all orders, and there are no refunds. The event will be held rain or shine, with alternate indoor venues as needed in case of inclement weather.

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ABOUT TILLES CENTER

Tilles Center for the Performing Arts at LIU Post's mission is to engage and enrich our community through arts performance, education, and advocacy. For more than 40 years, Tilles Center has hosted and presented more than 50 performances each season by world-renowned artists in music, theater, and dance. The nonprofit also supports thousands of children and adult learners each year through its robust arts education programs, providing arts experiences to underserved communities — from low-income school districts and those on the autism spectrum to local seniors. Tilles Center is located on the beautiful Long Island University Post campus, 720 Northern Blvd, Brookville NY. Learn more at tillescenter.org.

ABOUT LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY (LIU)

Long Island University, founded in 1926, continues to redefine higher education, providing high quality academic instruction by world-class faculty. Recognized by Forbes for its emphasis on experiential learning and by the Brookings Institution for its "value added" to student outcomes, LIU has a network of over 285,000 alumni, including industry leaders and entrepreneurs around the globe. Visit liu.edu for more information.

ABOUT JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER

The mission of Jazz at Lincoln Center is to entertain, enrich and expand a global community for jazz through performance, education, and advocacy. We believe jazz is a metaphor for Democracy. Because jazz is improvisational, it celebrates personal freedom and encourages individual expression. Because jazz is swinging, it dedicates that freedom to finding and maintaining common ground with others. Because jazz is rooted in the blues, it inspires us to face adversity with persistent optimism.

Jazz at Lincoln Center (JALC) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. It produces an [annual concert season](#) in Rose Theater and the Appel Room and nightly concerts at [Dizzy's Club](#), all located in at [Frederick P. Rose Hall](#) on the 5th floor of the Deutsche Bank Center in Columbus Circle, NYC.

JALC education programs include the [Essentially Ellington High School Band Competition and Festival](#), [Webop](#), [Jazz for Young People](#), [Swing U](#), and the [Jazz Academy video library](#).

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