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Mondavi Center Announces Two Just Added Concerts: Jazz at Lincoln Center and Pink Martini

April 4, 2011; Davis, Calif.—Two exciting big bands will bring the Mondavi Center to life this summer, **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis** and **Pink Martini**. The performances, presented as “Just Added” events, will begin at 8 p.m. in the Mondavi Center’s Jackson Hall on the UC Davis campus. The **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra** will perform on **Saturday, June 18**, and **Pink Martini** will perform on **Tuesday, July 5**. **Tickets will be available starting April 18** from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office at 866-754-2787 and online at MondaviArts.org.

"Jackson Hall has traditionally been quiet over the summer, but a first visit to the Mondavi Center by the extraordinary Pink Martini, and a return engagement by Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, always a favorite, were too good to pass up," said Jeremy Ganter, associate executive director and director of programming for the Mondavi Center. "Each, in their own way, will make for a fitting coda to a great season and will help usher in the summer in high style."

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra is comprised of 15 of the finest jazz soloists and ensemble players today, and has been the Jazz at Lincoln Center resident orchestra since 1988. Drawing from an extensive repertoire that includes original compositions by Wynton Marsalis, Ted Nash and other members of the group, the Orchestra is critically acclaimed, including being hailed as “the greatest large jazz ensemble working today” by the *Chicago Tribune*.

An accomplished trumpeter, composer and jazz statesman, **Marsalis** is the artistic director and bandleader of Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. His prominent position in American culture was solidified in April 1997, when he became the first jazz artist to be awarded the Pulitzer Prize in music for his work *Blood on the Fields*, which was commissioned by Jazz at Lincoln Center.

Genre-hopping and über-hip, **Pink Martini** brings their excellent blend of cosmopolitan sounds to the Mondavi Center from their hometown of Portland, Oregon. The 12 musicians of Pink Martini draw inspiration from, jazz, classical, old fashioned pop and the romantic Hollywood musicals of the 1940s and 50s with a more global perspective. As Pink Martini bandleader and pianist Thomas Lauderdale says, “If the United Nations had a house band in 1962, then hopefully we’d be that band.” Their latest album, *Splendour in the Grass*, is a virtual carnival of musical influences, with one grand purpose: to rebuild a culture that sings and dances.

Just Added concerts augment the Mondavi Center's 10-11 Season of over 90 performances, featuring the best in classical, dance, speakers, jazz, film and cultural programs.

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis Saturday, June 18, 2011 | 8PM \$68 | \$57 | \$35

Pink Martini

Tuesday, July 5, 2011 | 8PM \$75 | \$60 | \$35

Tickets on sale: April 18, 2011 530-754-2787; 866-754-2787 (toll-free); 530-754-5402 (TDD) Full schedule and images available for download at: <http://www.MondaviArts.org/pressroom>

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