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Wynton Marsalis Wows Edinburgh International Festival Audiences with Secret Gig

Wynton Marsalis, photo credit Maxime Ragni

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10th August, Edinburgh: Last night, the legendary American jazz trumpeter **Wynton Marsalis** made a surprise debut performance at the **Edinburgh International Festival,** leading an Up Late concert at the Hub, home of the International Festival. The Brazilian bandolim virtuoso **Hamilton de Holanda** also joined Marsalis on stage as a special guest.

The concert launches the Up Late series, a selection of special nights in the Hub where celebrated unannounced guest curators and international artists keep audiences up late and entertained into the night. This concert was filmed for Sky Arts

and will be broadcast 1st October at 10pm, alongside another of Edinburgh International Festival's Up Late concerts, broadcast on 24th September.

Wynton Marsalis is one of the world's most renowned jazz musicians, whose performances and compositions have earned him nine Grammy Awards and the Pulitzer Prize for Music. Throughout his career spanning almost 40 years, Marsalis has recorded 127 Jazz and Classical albums. Beyond his recording career, Marsalis is currently the Managing and Artistic Director of Jazz at the Lincoln Centre, the Director of Jazz Studies at The Juilliard School, and President of the Louis Armstrong Educational Foundation. Full biography here.

The next Up Late features a trailblazing force in the Celtic music scene on 16 August at 10:30pm. In addition, the charismatic drummer and composer **Domo Branch** has a night of original music and improvisation in store on 17 August, while Scottish illusionist **Scott Silven** invites us into his hypnotic world for two shows on 23 August. These intimate gigs make the most of the Hub Club Bar open 'til 1am throughout the Festival.

Wynton Marsalis said, *"It's an honour to perform at the Edinburgh International Festival's first Up Late concert this year. For 77 years this festival has been spearheading the movement towards a global arts and culture. It is the gold standard, invigorating the vibrant local scene here in Edinburgh and enriching the international community. I am honoured to be here in the cause of recognising and celebrating our common humanity."*

The 77th Edinburgh International Festival continues to 25 August. To purchase tickets and for more information, visit www.eif.co.uk.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

About Edinburgh International Festival
The original festival. We're the one that started it all, the igniting spark that established Edinburgh as the world's Festival City. Founded in 1947, the International Festival was the inspired idea of Rudolf Bing, a cultural pioneer and Jewish refugee, working with a group of civic and artistic leaders. Together, they created a festival that transcends political boundaries through a global celebration of the performing arts.

For 77 years, our hand-picked programme of world-leading dance, opera, music and theatre has continued to bring people of different cultures and viewpoints together every August. Meanwhile, our sister festivals have grown up around us – each of them contributing to the atmosphere of unparalleled excitement that transforms the city each summer.

The next International Festival takes place 2-25 August 2024, under the direction of Festival Director and Scottish violinist Nicola Benedetti. Benedetti's vision is to create the deepest level of experience, through the highest quality of art, for the broadest possible audience.

Shining far beyond what you see on stage, we also offer year-round pathways for people of all ages and backgrounds to discover and participate in live performance, focusing on youth, community and industry connections.

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