

LIONEL HAMPTON BIG BAND FEATURING JASON MARSALIS: PRESS RELEASE

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Have You Heard About the Sold-Out Shows & Standing Ovations for the New Hampton Band?

In case you haven't, they've been playing sold-out shows from coast to coast, with audiences clamoring for encores, and clubs eager to book the Band back. We are sure that you, like everyone who has heard this Band will be as excited and inspired by this music as some of the folks quoted here: People from a wide range, transcending age and gender—21-year old Asian students to 94-year-old jazz aficionados:

"I thought the concert will be boring and make people fall asleep. Oppositely, it entertained me...After I heard jazz, I felt so free and soulful"—Erin Chan

"Even though I had never heard any of these songs before, I felt like I was watching the real Lionel Hampton Big Band from the way they were performing...the songs also made me want to get up and start dancing"— Marco luele

"Just saw these guys tear it up at Yoshi's last night—amazing!!!"—Adam Reed Wiscomb

"Yall killed it in Oakland!!! Thank you guys soooooo much! Really, really great!!!!!!!!!"—Howard Wiley

The new Lionel Hampton Big Band features Jason Marsalis and world-class musicians who played with Hamp himself: Cleave Guyton, Jr, Lance Bryant, and Christian Fabian. "Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman, Buddy Rich, Charlie Parker, Charles Mingus, Quincy Jones, Oscar Peterson, Dizzie Gillespie—they all played with Hamp" says Lance Bryant, the last musical director for Lionel Hampton. "Now new audiences are finding out what made him so popular. We know the secret—we all played with him—and we do all the original arrangements that made him a star."

Christian Fabian plays with Mike Longo's New York State of the Art Jazz Ensemble in New York City, is a jazz ambassador for the US State Department with his band The Native Jazz Quartet, and plays to SRO clubs in Japan with ukelele player Herb Otha. Jason Marsalis, of the Marsalis jazz dynasty (recipients of the NEA Jazz Masters award), plays all over the world with his own bands and with Marcus Roberts. Cleave Guyton has played with Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway, Dizzy Gillespie and many more.

Lance Bryant, Jason Marsalis, Cleave Guyton Jr and Christian Fabian all have great stories about playing with Lionel Hampton and funny anecdotes about life as jazz musicians. To book an entertaining and informative interview please call (646) 522-4120 or email

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