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## Fall in Love with Jazz Again with Arts Commons Presents and the Internationally Lauded Jazz at Lincoln Center: *Songs We Love*

**The brightest rising stars of Jazz at Lincoln Center, selected and mentored by the legendary Wynton Marsalis, bring New York jazz to Calgary stage**

**February 9, 2022 - CALGARY** – Arts Commons is thrilled launch our 2021-22 season of TD Jazz with the highly acclaimed Jazz at Lincoln Center touring ensemble performing *Songs We Love*, a collection of some of the most beloved jazz standards that helped define the genre and pave the way for generations of jazz musicians. Join Arts Commons Presents' TD Jazz series for an evening of quintessential jazz, performed by **Jazz at Lincoln Center**, live and in-person at the **Jack Singer Concert Hall on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**



Jazz at Lincoln Center performs *Songs We Love*. Photo by Frank Stewart.

A perfect reason to return to the Jack Singer Concert Hall for in-person jazz performances, *Songs We Love* is a crowd-pleasing exploration of the rise of jazz and blues music from the 1920s to the early 1950s. Under the tutelage of Wynton Marsalis, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents touring initiative provides an accessible opportunity to share top tier jazz programming featuring musicians who have been identified as rising stars.

*"This select group of gifted, intelligent and soulful young musicians come from all walks of life. They are virtuoso performers and dedicated teachers who understand that listeners must be invited into the feeling and tradition of this*



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music," says Wynton Marsalis, Managing and Artistic Director for Jazz at Lincoln Center. "Songs We Love is an entertaining and engaging program that will lift you to a higher place and inspire confidence in the future of Jazz. This music still has a lot to say to us. Let them show you."

Jazz at Lincoln Center: *Songs We Love* comes to Calgary under the musical direction of trumpet player Riley Mulherkar, recognized for his outstanding talent with a 2020 Emerging Artist Award as well as the Martin E. Segal Award from Jazz at Lincoln Center. He will be joined by three guest vocalists as well as an all-star band made up of New York's exciting young jazz musicians to perform the music of Ma Rainey, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, and Judy Garland that even the casual jazz fan will enjoy.

"I first heard Riley when he was a freshman in high school. He shocked and delighted us with his playing. Over the years he has grown and matured into a first-class artist," says Marsalis. "Not only is he a fantastic trumpet player with an original style of improvising, he is an original bandleader, composer, arranger, educator, community activist and advocate for jazz and the arts."

Arts Commons Presents' TD Jazz series has welcomed the best jazz performers from around the world and after last season's virtual presentations, we are excited to be returning to live, in-person performances with Jazz at Lincoln Center: *Songs We Love* on Thursday, March 3, 2022, the brand-new Canadian National Jazz Orchestra on Thursday, April 28, 2022, Pink Martini featuring China Forbes on Thursday, May 19, 2022, and *SuperBlue*: Kurt Elling featuring Charlie Hunter on Thursday, June 23, 2022.

What: Jazz at Lincoln Center: *Songs We Love*  
When: Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.  
Where: Jack Singer Concert Hall, Arts Commons  
Tickets: 403-294-9494 or visit [artscommons.ca](https://artscommons.ca)

For more information, please visit [artscommons.ca/tdjazz](https://artscommons.ca/tdjazz).

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**Arts Commons Presents** invites you to discover the transformative power of the Arts. As the programming arm of Arts Commons, the third largest performing arts centre in Canada, Arts Commons Presents is one manifestation of this mandate, achieved through the programming and presenting of our in-house series: BD&P World Stage, National Geographic Live, PCL Blues, TD Amplify Cabarets, and TD Jazz, as well as the work that we do in the community. Through this work, we are able to do our part to further enrich our city, as well as create opportunities for Calgary-based artists on a multitude of levels.

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