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**MARSALIS MUSIC/ROUNDER RECORDS TO RELEASE SOULFUL
PREMIER ALBUM BY DOUG WAMBLE,
ENTITLED *COUNTRY LIBATIONS*, JUNE 17th**

Cambridge, MA – Marsalis Music/Rounder Records is pleased to announce the June 17th release of Doug Wamble’s *Country Libations*. Produced by Branford Marsalis, *Country Libations* features an all-acoustic mix of jazz, delta blues, country and gospel music. Backed by longtime James Blood Ulmer collaborator Charlie Burnham on violin, plus Roy Dunlap on piano, Jeff Hanley on bass, and Peter Miles on drums, the multi-talented Wamble, who plays guitar, sings and composes, has created a debut disc featuring nine stunning original songs and instrumentals, plus a cover of Sting’s *Walking on the Moon*.

Raised in Memphis, Tennessee, and now a fixture on the New York jazz scene, Doug Wamble has recorded and performed with Wynton Marsalis, Madeleine Peyroux and Cassandra Wilson among others. On *Country Libations*, Wamble draws inspiration from his enduring love of delta blues and gospel and from strong influences such as Ornette Coleman, Wynton Marsalis, Son House and Robert Johnson. States Branford Marsalis, “It is a pleasure to listen to a musician who has done his homework. A true understanding of many styles of music enables a musician to create a unique sound - not just the hype that many genre-busting artists go for. It will be a delight to listen to him grow in the years to come.”

Marsalis Music is the creation of Branford Marsalis, one of the most celebrated jazz musicians of the past 20 years. Based upon his extensive experience as a saxophonist, composer and bandleader, Marsalis recognized the need to form a label that will allow a diverse array of musicians to document their best efforts without the commercial pressures that have become the norm throughout the industry. The label’s focus will be primarily but not exclusively on jazz, with a roster featuring promising new artists, established stylists, as well as Marsalis himself. The label will receive marketing and distribution support through its partnership with Rounder Records. In addition, Marsalis Music sponsors educational and cultural initiatives including Marsalis Jams, a program designed to present leading jazz ensembles in performance/jam session settings on college campuses.

Since 1970, Rounder Records has become America's premier independent label, with over 3000 albums in its catalogue to date and five additional imprints, together representing a broad array of folk, roots, rock, blues and reggae music.

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