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THE MARSALIS FAMILY: A JAZZ CELEBRATION
DVD Release in Stores April 15

NPR "Jazz Set" Radio Broadcast and Tonight Show TV Appearance
To Celebrate Father's Day

DVD features bonus performances, exclusive interview footage and
Dolby 5.1 Surround Sound

Cambridge, MA – The Crescent City's most celebrated jazz family led by the patriarch, Ellis Marsalis recently concluded their first-ever tour in support of the critically acclaimed album (released on February 4th) and PBS special, *The Marsalis Family: A Jazz Celebration*. The anticipated April 15th DVD release furthers the celebration and features all of the music-making Marsalises - father Ellis on piano and sons Branford (tenor and soprano saxophones), Delfeayo (trombone) Jason (drums), and Wynton (trumpet) - along with bassist Roland Guerin and a special guest appearance by Harry Connick Jr.

Ellis, Branford, Delfeayo and Jason will make a special Father's Day performance on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* on NBC-TV, Monday, June 9 11:30 P.M. EDT. On June 5, "Jazz Set," hosted by Dee Dee Bridgewater and heard on upwards of 200 NPR affiliate stations, will feature selections from the live recording of the sold-out March 2 concert held at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia.

Marsalis Music's premier DVD release features *One Father...Four Sons* and showcases two generations of jazz and captures the essence of the family's historic August 4, 2001 New Orleans concert, with bonus performance and exclusive interview footage added (including *Caravan*, *Limehouse Blues*, and *The Party's Over*, only on DVD). The entire DVD also features Dolby 5.1 Video/Audio surround sound. Harry Connick, Jr, perhaps Ellis' most prominent former student, stated that "I've played for presidents and queens and every other thing – nothing made me feel better than seeing my name up there with the Marsalis'." Delfeayo added that the concert "...was an accurate representation of our family collectively and individually – who we are as people and where we are as musicians."

Look for Branford on the cover of the June issue of **Jazziz** and find out more about this remarkable project, already a favorite among jazz critics:

"For the past 20 years, the name Marsalis has been synonymous with jazz."
Steve Jones, USA Today

"...a celebration of Marsalis family tradition and mainstream jazz convention."
Larry Blumenfeld, Entertainment Weekly

"...it's all in honor of a man who literally fathered a jazz renaissance." Eugene Holley, VIBE

"...crisp and competent, full of nuance and a bright, ebullient sense of swing."
Tom Moon, Philadelphia Inquirer

Also available on Marsalis Music: Branford Marsalis Quartet - *Footsteps of our Fathers*. Watch for the June 17 debut release entitled **Country Libations** by the Memphis-raised guitarist and Cassandra Wilson collaborator Doug Wamble.

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