

The St. Regis Doha set to be Home of Jazz in the Middle East

Jazz at Lincoln Center Doha will be inaugurated by Wynton Marsalis in Special Ceremony on 1 December

The St. Regis Doha today confirmed that it will be the first St. Regis hotel in the world – and the first venue outside of America – to host a Jazz at Lincoln Center (JALC) jazz club, as part of the unprecedented global partnership between St. Regis Hotels & Resorts and JALC.

Throughout the Jazz Age, The St. Regis Rooftop Ballroom in the landmark hotel in New York City played host to some of the finest jazz musicians in history. The rich musical legacy is now coming to Qatar thanks to the new agreement, which will bring a range of cultural and educational opportunities to the people of Qatar.

The historic achievement of bringing the world-renowned JALC name to Qatar was made possible with the support of Resorts Development Company, the parent company of The St. Regis Doha and Al Gassar Resort.

Mr. Omar Alfardan, President of

Resorts Development Company, said: “Qatar continues to emerge as a leading cultural hub, not just in the region but globally. Jazz as a leading art-form will help to enhance and build a thriving music, art and cultural scene here. With Doha increasingly becoming an international cosmopolitan city with a range of nationalities from all over the world, a unique and genuine jazz venue will contribute to enhancing the city’s popularity.” “It is important to note that more and more Qatari nationals are travelling the world and becoming interested in jazz, and that will help ensure a strong response to this new centre in Doha,” he added.

Jazz at Lincoln Center is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to inspiring and growing audiences for jazz. Through this partnership, jazz programming will be developed at The St. Regis Doha, led by Wynton Marsalis, Artistic Director of Jazz at Lincoln Center,

providing both the novice and aficionado the opportunity to experience world-class jazz.

“Throughout the history of jazz, musicians from Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman, Dizzy Gillespie and Dave Brubeck have brought people from all cultures together through this music. It is an honour for Jazz at Lincoln Center to continue that tradition with St. Regis,” said Marsalis, who will attend a special naming ceremony for the club in December.

Tareq Derbas, General Manager, The St. Regis Doha, said: “We are

delighted to welcome Jazz at Lincoln Center to its new home at The St. Regis Doha. We have promised our customers unmatched luxury and a rich range of entertainment options, and we believe that our signature venue, Jazz at Lincoln Center Doha, will delight and inspire our guests. I would like to thank our owner and the team responsible for beginning this exciting new era for jazz in the Middle East.”

The opening of Jazz at Lincoln Center Doha and The St. Regis Doha further solidifies Qatar as an

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Wynton Marsalis



emerging centre of culture, commerce and leisure in the Middle East. The hotel, scheduled to open early next year, promises to bring the legendary St. Regis luxury to this thriving commercial and business region.

“We are thrilled with the opportunity to work with St. Regis to reach new audiences and to support our mission of growing and inspiring audiences for jazz around the globe,” said Lisa Schiff, Chairman of JALC.

The agreement is part of a wider global partnership, which will see the two New York icons together to

jointly-conceptualise and create a series of jazz clubs around the world in multiple new St. Regis hotels.

“Jazz is an innate part of the St. Regis legacy, and it is exciting to see a new generation of affluent travellers passionate about this social and cultural tradition,” said Paul James, Global Brand Leader for St. Regis Hotels & Resorts. “As St. Regis continues to grow globally, we look forward to working with Jazz at Lincoln Center, which is uniquely positioned to bring the authentic jazz experience to life for our guests and for music enthusiasts around the world.”