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MEDIA ALERT: Wynton Marsalis to Deliver Lecture on Arts and Public Policy

WHAT: Americans for the Arts' 22nd Annual Nancy Hanks Lecture on Arts and Public Policy is a leading national forum for arts policy, intended to stimulate discussion of policy and social issues affecting the arts. The lecture provides an opportunity for public discourse at the highest levels on the importance of the arts and culture in relation to our nation's well-being.

WHO: World-renowned trumpeter and composer **Wynton Marsalis** is the Artistic Director of Jazz at Lincoln Center and Music Director of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. Marsalis will deliver the 2009 Nancy Hanks Lecture on the Arts and Public Policy. Marsalis will speak about the essential value of culture in the recalibration of American identity.

Marsalis began his classical training on trumpet at age 12 and made his recording debut in 1982 at the age of 21. He has since recorded more than 30 jazz and classical recordings, which have won him nine GRAMMY® Awards. Marsalis is also an internationally respected teacher and spokesman for music education, and has received honorary doctorates from dozens of universities and colleges throughout the United States.

The evening will include a special performance by Marsalis and members of the **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra**.

Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) will introduce Marsalis.

WHEN: Monday, March 30, 2009 at 6:30 pm

WHERE: John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall, 2700 F Street, NW, Washington, DC

TICKETS: This FREE event is by invitation only. Members of the media please e-mail press@artsusa.org for tickets.

The lecture coincides with Arts Advocacy Day, the only national event that brings together a broad cross section of America's cultural and civic organizations, along with grassroots advocates from across the country, to underscore the importance of developing strong public policies and appropriating increased public funding for the arts.

Americans for the Arts is the leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts and arts education in America. With offices in Washington, D.C. and New York City, it has a record of more than 50 years of service. Americans for the Arts is dedicated to representing and serving local communities and creating opportunities for every American to participate in and appreciate all forms of the arts. Additional information is available at www.AmericansForTheArts.org.

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