

Wynton Marsalis Speaks Wednesday in Stamford About Civility

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Jazz legend Wynton Marsalis will be the featured speaker at an event from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 4 at the Ferguson Library in downtown Stamford in the latest of a series of "Civility in America" talks.

— *an announcement from Ferguson Library*

"Incivility has become socially acceptable and commonplace," said Robert L. Dilenschneider of Darien, founder and president of The Dilenschneider Group, and who conceived the idea for the series.

"The lack of civility in every segment of society, from politics to academia, from the media to the blogosphere, from talk radio to the pulpit, has become a crippling epidemic that threatens the future of our country," he said. "Something must be done."

If You're Going ...

- Ferguson Library is at 96 Broad St. — [Driving Directions](#)
- **Parking may be easiest** at the downtown lot and garage on Broad Street, across the street from Macy's (diagonally) and Bowtie Cinemas at Landmark (directly).
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Wynton Marsalis is an internationally acclaimed musician, composer and bandleader, an educator and a leading advocate of American culture.

He has created and performed an expansive range of music from quartets to big bands, chamber music ensembles to symphony orchestras and tap dance to ballet, expanding the vocabulary for jazz and classical music with a vital body of work that places him among the world's finest musicians and composers.

Always swinging, Marsalis blows his trumpet with a clear tone, a depth of emotion and a unique, virtuosic style derived from an encyclopedic range of trumpet techniques. When you hear Marsalis play, you're hearing life being played through music.

Marsalis' core beliefs and foundation for living are based on the principals of jazz. He promotes individual creativity (improvisation), collective cooperation (swing), gratitude and good manners (sophistication), and faces adversity with persistent optimism (the blues).

With his evolved humanity and through his selfless work, Marsalis has elevated the quality of human engagement for individuals, social networks and cultural institutions throughout the world.

The Civility in America series is sponsored by The Dilenschneider Group, Hearst Media Group in Connecticut and the Ferguson Library.