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EMERGING ARTIST AARON DIEHL PERFORMS TRIBUTE TO GREAT JAZZ PIANISTS AT WAVE HILL SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Bronx, NY, March 31, 2008 – Aaron Diehl, a young and major performer in the New York jazz scene, performs an “Homage to Keyboard Giants of the 20th Century” at Wave Hill to conclude the public garden and cultural center’s *New Perspectives: The Piano* series. Diehl’s program includes works by Scott Joplin, Duke Ellington, Jelly Roll Morton, Richard Rodgers, Thelonius Monk and others in a tribute to great jazz pianists of the last century. **The concert will take place at Wave Hill’s Armor Hall on Sunday, April 13 at 2pm.**

Hailed by the *Chicago Tribune* as “The most promising discovery that [Wynton] Marsalis has made since Eric Reed,” Aaron Diehl has been an upcoming force in jazz, dazzling audiences with his brilliant technique, sensitive touch and interpretations of the music of the great composers of ragtime and 20th century jazz. He has performed with the Wynton Marsalis Septet, Jazz at Lincoln Center, Boston Symphony Orchestra, Wycliffe Gordon, Wessell Anderson, Benny Golson and Hank Jones.

Diehl released his first CD as a leader, entitled “Mozart Jazz,” on Pony Canyon, a major label in Japan. The Japanese television station NHK produced a documentary about him and jazz at Juilliard that was broadcast to over 5 million people nationwide. In 2002, he was recognized as one of the outstanding soloists at Jazz at Lincoln Center’s Essentially Ellington Competition. The following year, Wynton Marsalis invited him to tour with his Septet on their summer European tour. Diehl is the 2004 recipient of the Martin E. Segal award for Jazz at Lincoln Center and was featured recently on Marian McPartland’s NPR radio show “Piano Jazz.” Diehl studies at The Juilliard School under Eric Reed and Oxana Yablonskaya in the classical division. He serves presently as the musical director of St. Joseph of the Holy Family Church in Central Harlem.

Concerts take place on Sundays at 2pm, and run one hour without intermission. They are followed by a conversation with the performers. Tickets for Wave Hill members are \$15. Tickets for all others, which include admission to the grounds, are \$24; tickets for Seniors 65+ and Students with ID are \$21. Purchase tickets at the Perkins Visitor Center or by calling 718.549.3200 x385.

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A 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades, Wave Hill’s mission is to celebrate the artistry and legacy of its gardens and landscapes, to preserve its magnificent views, and to explore human connections to the natural world through programs in horticulture, education and the arts.

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Tuesday—Sunday

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ADMISSION Free to Members and to children under 6.

Tuesdays: Free all day

Saturdays: Free 9am to noon.

Wednesday—Sunday and Saturday afternoons: \$6 adults, \$3 students and seniors 65+, \$2 children 6+

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