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## **Jazz Saxophonist Branford Marsalis and the Branford Marsalis Quartet Kick Off the Carpenter Center's 2021-2022 Season on Saturday, Nov. 6**

**Concert with the Branford Marsalis Quartet Marks the Return of Live Performances to the Carpenter Center**

**LONG BEACH, California** —The Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center reopens on November 6, 2021 with the renowned jazz saxophonist Branford Marsalis, appearing in concert with his famed quartet. The event is Branford Marsalis's first appearance at the Carpenter Center and marks the Center's return to live in-person performances after nineteen months without shows. Located on the campus of California State University, Long Beach, the Carpenter Center announced their 26th anniversary season earlier this fall.

Raised in New Orleans to jazz royalty, Branford Marsalis is the eldest musical sibling of one of jazz's most famous families. He toured with Art Blakey and Herbie Hancock, gained fame playing with Sting and as leader of the Tonight Show Band, and has cemented his status as an uncompromising musician, composer, and educator. The three-time Grammy Award winner has led the Branford Marsalis Quartet since its inception in 1986. Revered for its kaleidoscopic range, the quartet is the standard to which other jazz ensembles are measured.

The performance on Saturday, November 6 at 8:00 p.m. is the last chance this year for Southern California audiences to catch the great jazzman and his quartet in concert before they head east and to Europe in the new year. "We're thrilled to bring Branford Marsalis and his quartet to our stage," says Executive Director Megan Kline Crockett. "Their artistry, energy, and the joy they create kick off a new season of safe, social, and breathtakingly dynamic performances at the Carpenter Center."

### **Event Details**

#### **An Evening with Branford Marsalis**

**When:** Saturday, November 6 at 8:00 p.m. / Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

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**Venue:** Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center at 6200 E. Atherton St. Long Beach, CA 90815

**Tickets:** \$65, available online at [carpenterarts.org](http://carpenterarts.org).

Additional ticketing information is available at [carpenterarts.org/ticket-office](http://carpenterarts.org/ticket-office).

Press photos are available at [carpenterarts.org/press](http://carpenterarts.org/press).

Presentations are made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3-FM.

### **Attendance Information**

Attendees must be fully vaccinated and show proof of vaccination or a recent negative test result. Masks are required. For details, see [carpenterarts.org/faq](http://carpenterarts.org/faq).

### **About the Carpenter Center**

Now celebrating its 26th season, the Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center located on the California State University, Long Beach campus gracefully accommodates large and small productions, seating 1,054 patrons. Each season, the Carpenter Center showcases emerging and established musicians, dancers, actors, speakers, comedians, and visual artists, as well as other artistic, educational, and cultural experiences that enrich lives, promote lifelong learning in and through the performing arts and serve as a gateway between the university and the greater community.

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