



# La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts

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## La Mirada's Young Audiences Series continues with **JazzReach** **Hangin' With The Giants** featuring **METTA QUINTET**

La Mirada, CA, February 1, 2011 –**JazzReach** presents *Hangin' With The Giants* featuring **Metta Quintet** and **special guests**, as part of the **Programs for Young Audiences series** at **La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts**. *Hangin' With The Giants* is a live multi-media performance aimed at introducing jazz music to children in an entertaining and interactive way. The show is recommended for children in grades K-4. Performances are Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

*Hangin' With The Giants* is a fun, high-energy program designed to promote the inclusiveness and accessibility of jazz while highlighting the legacies and music of some of the art form's central contributors. Staged as a late night talk show, *Hangin' With The Giants* features animated likenesses of jazz greats **Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis** and **Thelonious Monk** as show guests and offers numerous opportunities for students to interact and participate. Curriculum connections include Social Studies, U.S. History, African American History and Arts Education.

**Metta Quintet** is JazzReach's dynamic, widely lauded resident ensemble comprised of some of today's brightest emerging jazz artists. Dedicated to blazing new artistic territory while maintaining a steadfast commitment to fostering new audiences and nurturing young talent, Metta Quintet exclusively carries out all of JazzReach's artistic programming. In 2002, the ensemble released its critically acclaimed debut CD, *Going to Meet The Man* (Koch Jazz) which featured eight commissioned works inspired by the short stories of celebrated American author James Baldwin that appeared in the book of the same title. In 2006, the quintet released the equally praised *Subway Songs* (Sunnyside Records), which also featured eight commissioned works inspired by the unique social dynamism of the New York City subway experience. Composers included Metta Quintet members Sung, Strickland, Gross and Schuman in addition to Myron Walden, Jimmy Greene and Jon Cowherd.

Through commissioning and performance of all new works and the creative integration of captivating video, lighting and sound design, **Metta Quintet** is committed to challenging convention and exploring the infinite boundaries of the live jazz experience.

Established in 1994, **JazzReach** is a nationally recognized New York City-based non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion, performance, creation and teaching of jazz music. Through the presentation of innovative, widely acclaimed live multi-media educational programs for young audiences, captivating main-stage concerts for general audiences and informative clinics and master-classes for student musicians and ensembles, JazzReach is steadfastly dedicated to fostering a greater appreciation, awareness and understanding of this rich, vital, ever-evolving American art form. Since premiering its debut educational program in 1997, JazzReach has successfully positioned itself as one of our nation's leading arts organizations dedicated to jazz. Its dynamic, innovative programs have triumphantly served over 170,000 young people nationwide and have received unanimous praise from students, teachers, parents, the media and arts professionals alike. For more information visit [jazzreach.org](http://jazzreach.org).

La Mirada Theatre's Programs for Young Audiences is designed to give children exposure to a diverse mix of national and international touring stage acts. The 2010-11 season will continue on March 13 with ArtsPower's ***Madeline and the Bad Hat***, May 15 brings Storybook Theatre's ***Jack and the Beanstalk*** and the season ends on July 10, 2011 with **The Disney Channels' *Choo-Choo Soul With Genevieve!***

All seats are \$8 for children and \$12 for adults. Tickets are available online at [www.LaMiradaTheatre.com](http://www.LaMiradaTheatre.com) or by calling the La Mirada Theatre Box Office at (562) 944-9801 or (714) 994-6310. Season subscriptions are available for \$24 (Children) and \$36 (Adults). The theatre is located at 14900 La Mirada Blvd. in La Mirada, CA. Parking is free. Wheelchair access and Hearing Assist devices available.

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### **CALENDAR LISTING**

Please list under Children's Theater, Kid's Stuff, Family Entertainment, or related category.

***JazzReach presents Hangin' With The Giants featuring Metta Quintet.*** Part of La Mirada Theatre's **Programs for Young Audiences Series**. 2 shows only: 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Sunday, February 27, 2011 at La Mirada Theatre, 14900 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, CA. Tickets: \$8 - \$12 online at [www.lamiradatheatre.com](http://www.lamiradatheatre.com) or call the box office at (562) 944-9801 or (714) 994-6310.