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**GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING BRANFORD MARSALIS TO BRING NEW ENERGY TO
THE BLOOMINGTON JAZZ SCENE**

WHAT: An Evening with Bradford Marsalis

WHEN: Saturday, April 6 at 8 p.m.

WHERE: IU Auditorium

TICKETS: Tickets start at \$14 for IU Bloomington students (with a valid ID) and \$22 for the general public, on sale now. Individual tickets may be purchased online at IUauditorium.com, in person at the IU Auditorium Box Office, as well as through Ticketmaster.com. The IU Auditorium Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – A 21st century mainstay of artistic excellence comes to IU Auditorium Saturday, April 6 at 8 p.m. with **An Evening with Branford Marsalis**. The three-time Grammy Award winner, along with the Branford Marsalis Quartet, will bring new energy to the Bloomington jazz scene with this exquisite performance.

A native of New Orleans, Marsalis grew up in a city full of jazz and musical influences. He and his brother Wynton, also a renowned jazz musician who has performed previously at IU Auditorium, took in their surroundings and grew to love the musical scene around them.

In 1986, Marsalis started his own quartet which became known for the telepathic communication among its uncommonly consistent personnel, its deep book of original music replete with expressive melodies and provocative forms, and an unrivaled spirit in both live and recorded performances. The Branford Marsalis Quartet has long been recognized as the standard to which other ensembles of its kind must be measured.

Marsalis is widely known for his time as musical director of *The Tonight Show Starring Jay Leno* and his work on the Spike Lee film *School Daze*. Since his early acclaim as a saxophonist, Marsalis has refined and expanded his talents and horizons as a musician, composer, bandleader, and educator, including the creation of his quartet.

“We are thrilled to bring world-renowned jazz musicians to our stage in Branford Marsalis and the Branford Marsalis Quartet,” said IU Auditorium Executive Director Doug Booher. “Branford has played with, influenced, and led some of the greatest musicians in the world. His talent and energy will make for a special Saturday evening.”

On the day before the show, April 5, there will be educational outreach activities involving the IU community. The Branford Marsalis Quartet will participate in a sectional with IU jazz students, and Marsalis himself will host a large ensemble rehearsal and master class.

For more information on An Evening with Bradford Marsalis and the rest of the 2018–2019 season, visit IUauditorium.com. The website features video clips and a selection of songs from this season's performances, in addition to a direct link to the IU Auditorium Facebook and Twitter pages, whose members receive exclusive benefits throughout the year.

An Evening with Bradford Marsalis at the IU Auditorium is sponsored by Hilliard Lyons, Nature's Way INC., Fourwinds Lakeside Inn and Marina, and Smithville Fibers. IU Auditorium's 2018–2019 season is presented by B97, Curry Auto Center, *The Herald Times*, French Lick Resort, and Indiana University Residential Program and Services.

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