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Concord Jazz To Release a New Album from Grammy Award Winner Marcus Miller

**Set for Release on March 4, 2008, *Marcus* Features
Guest Appearances by Corinne Bailey Rae, Lalah Hathaway,
Keb' Mo, Taraji P. Henson & More!**

New York, NY – On March 4, 2008 Concord Jazz will release *Marcus*, the new album from critically-acclaimed and Grammy-winning artist Marcus Miller. The album, which is Marcus' 7th solo release, features guest appearances by Corinne Bailey Rae, Lalah Hathaway, Keb' Mo' and more, including Taraji P. Henson, the actress who lent her vocals to the Oscar winning song "It's Hard out Here for a Pimp" from the film *Hustle and Flow*. The 13-track album finds Marcus serving up his own signature funk-jazz music and sees him cover some classics including Stevie Wonder's "Higher Ground", Miles Davis' "Jean Pierre" and Tower of Power's "What is Hip?". *Marcus* also features two covers of the Robin Thicke 2007 hit "Lost Without You". The first sees Lalah Hathaway shining on vocals with Marcus' bass upfront and the second version, which is the album's bonus track, features actress Taraji P. Henson in her spoken word debut. Multi-platinum artist Corinne Bailey Rae lends her vocals to the 1976, Deniece Williams soul classic "Free".

Born in 1959, Marcus was raised in a musical family that includes his father, William Miller (a church organist and choir director) and jazz pianist Wynton Kelly. By 13, Marcus was proficient on clarinet, piano and bass guitar, and already writing songs. Two years later he was working regularly in New York City, eventually playing bass and writing music for jazz flutist Bobbi Humphrey and keyboardist Lonnie Liston Smith. Miller soon became a top call session musician, gracing well over 500 albums, recording with musicians from Frank Sinatra and Elton John to Bill Withers and LL Cool J, and performing in countries around the globe. Marcus has become the go-to composer for films and has scored over 20 movies including *Boomerang* and *This Christmas*. He was also responsible for writing the party song "Da Butt" for Spike Lee's film *School Daze* and has scored music for Chris Rock's hit TV show *Everybody Hates Chris*.

Tracklisting:

1. **Blast** (5:43)
(Marcus Miller)
2. **Funk Joint** (5:10)
(Marcus Miller)
3. **Free** – featuring Corinne Bailey Rae (5:01)
(Deniece Williams-Susaye Greene-Nathan Watts-Henry Redd)
4. **Higher Ground** (5:11)
(Stevie Wonder)
5. **Milky Way** – featuring Keb' Mo' (5:37)
(Marcus Miller-Kevin R. Moore p/k/a Keb' Mo')
6. **Pluck** (3:17)
(Marcus Miller)
7. **Lost Without U** (4:40)
(Robin Thicke-Sean E. Hurley)
8. **'Cause I Want You** – featuring Shihan the Poet (3:12)
(Marcus Miller-Shihan Van Clief)
9. **Ooh** – featuring Lalah Hathaway (3:58)
(Marcus Miller-Lalah Hathaway)
10. **When I Fall In Love** (5:24)
(Victor Young-Edward Heyman)
11. **Strum** (5:40)
(Marcus Miller)
12. **Jean Pierre** (6:13)
(Miles Davis)
13. **What Is Hip?** (5:58)
(Emilio Castillo-David John Garibaldi-Stephen M. Kupka)

Bonus Track

14. **Lost Without U (Spoken Word)** – featuring Taraji Henson and Lalah Hathaway (5:32)
(Robin Thicke-Sean E. Hurley)

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