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Marsalis and his quartet will appear Tuesday in DeVos Performance Hall in a benefit concert for the Inner City Christian Federation.

Longtime leader of the celebrated Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, which appeared in St. Cecilia Music Society’s Royce Auditorium in 1995, Marsalis is on the road with a quartet for the first time since the late 1980s.

He’s enjoying working with the small ensemble of pianist Eric Lewis, bassist Carlos Henriquez and drummer Ali Jackson.