

■ Ron Westray – Trombonist / Composer

Ron Westray (b. Columbia, South Carolina) is a dual Canadian–American trombonist, composer, arranger, and educator. He was a long-time member of the **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra** under the direction of **Wynton Marsalis**, serving as lead trombonist and arranger for more than a decade. In this role, he contributed to countless concerts, tours, and recordings worldwide.

Westray has been a collaborator of pianist **Marcus Roberts** since 1991 and has performed with leading artists including **Nicholas Payton, Brian Blade, Bobby Short, Wycliffe Gordon**, and the **Mingus Big Band**. As a leader or co-leader, he has released several acclaimed albums, among them: *Bone Structure* (1996), *Westray Digs In* (2002), *Medical Cures...* (2008), *Live from Austin* (2011), *Jimi Jazz* (2014), and *Magisteria* (2015).

Since 2009, he has held the prestigious **Oscar Peterson Chair in Jazz Performance** at **York University** (Toronto), where he is Associate Professor in the Department of Music, School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design.

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