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WILLIE JONES III RELEASES *VOLUME III*

***Featuring Eric Reed, Dwayne Burno, Willie Jones II
and Mike Elizondo***

New York, NY (September 26, 2006) WJ3 Records announced that on November 21, 2006, **Willie Jones III** will release *Volume III*, the critically-acclaimed drummer's third CD as a leader.

As the celebrated sideman to jazz luminaries including Ernestine Anderson, Herbie Hancock, Roy Hargrove, Bobby Hutcherson, Hank Jones, Wynton Marsalis and many others, Mr. Jones is at the forefront as master jazz artist and producer on *Volume III*.

Recorded in September of 2005 in New York City, *Volume III* depicts Mr. Jones' depth as a musician and producer and features a remarkable array of guest musicians: Eric Reed (piano), Dwayne Burno (bass), Willie Jones II (piano) and Mike Elizondo (bass).

Featuring songs that have shaped Mr. Jones' musical career, *Volume III* is a modern-day standards masterpiece. Selections include "First Man," composed by pianist Eric Reed; "Inception" the McCoy Tyner penned ballad that Mr. Jones and Mr. Reed played together in their early years in Los Angeles; and the gospel classics "He Looked Beyond My Faults" and "I Heard A Forest Praying."

With longtime friends and collaborators (Burno, Elizondo, Reed) and his father who is his biggest musical influence, Willie Jones III exemplifies his virtuosic skills on *Volume III*. As Mr. Jones' former releases, *Volumes I & II*, included originals by Mr. Jones that portrayed various chapters in his life, this latest release encapsulates the next volume in the drummer's already accomplished career.

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Volume III Track Listing:

- 1) Shoulders (Cedar Walton)
- 2) Here's That Rainy Day (Johnny Burke – Jimmy Van Houson)
- 3) The First Man (Eric Scott Reed)
- 4) Con Alma (Dizzy Gillespie)
- 5) Inception (McCoy Tyner)
- 6) I Heard A Forest Praying (Peter DeRose)
- 7) Wail Bait (Quincy Jones)
- 8) He Looked Beyond My Faults (Dottie Pambo – John T. Bonson)

March 12	Kurt Elling	Salt Lake City - Utah
March 7-11	Kurt Elling	Los Angeles - Catalinas Bar & Grill
March 1-4	Kurt Elling	Oakland, CA. - Yoshi's
February 28	Willie Jones III Trio	Oakland, CA. - Yoshi's
February 26	Kurt Elling	Santa Cruz, CA. - Kuumba Jazz Center
February 24	Kurt Elling	Portland, Oregon
February 23	Kurt Elling	Vancouver, Canada
February 22	Kurt Elling	Victoria, Canada
February 20-21	Kurt Elling	Seattle - Jazz Alley
February 13-18	Kurt Elling	New York - Blue Note

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