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NEWS

All That Jazz

Wynton Marsalis is coming home from a world tour with a world premiere. Mr. Marsalis, the artistic director of Jazz at Lincoln Center, will mark his return with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra from their 33-city "All Jazz Is Modern" tour with two concerts at Alice Tully Hall featuring his new work, "Big Train." Mr. Marsalis was still at

work on "Big Train" yesterday in Hong Kong, and members of the orchestra are learning the piece as their tour continues. They are to be back in New York for the concerts on March 19 and 21.

Literary Light

Nuruddin Farah of Somalia has been named the 1998 laureate of the Neustadt International Prize for Literature, widely regarded as the most prestigious international literary award after the Nobel. The \$40,000 prize is conferred every two years by the University of Oklahoma and its international journal, *World Literature Today*. Among previous winners are Gabriel García Márquez (1972), Elizabeth Bishop (1976), Czeslaw Milosz (1978) and Octavio Paz (1982). Mr. Farah, whose novels are written in English, is the first African to win the Neustadt prize in its 27-year history. His most recent novel, "Secrets," will be issued by Arcade Publish-