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Footlights

awards will be held Sept. 10 at the Universal Amphitheater. The actor **Ben Stiller** will be the host.

Marsalis Immemorial

He's had hit albums and won a Pulitzer Prize, but the latest honor bestowed on the jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis may top the lot: his music is being set in stone. Today, in the small town of Marciac in the south of France, officials are expected to unveil 14 stone engravings, each etched with a page of Mr. Marsalis's "Marciac Suite," which he composed last year in honor of the town's annual jazz festival. M_f.



Marsalis, who will perform there tomorrow, said he had attended the festival for the last 18 years. "I love it," he said. "I like the food, the sunshine, the people."

Philologically Fertile

It may be a *hippy-dippy* attempt at *spin* by a bunch of *Blairite mouse potatoes*, but the editors of the New Oxford Dictionary of English are calling the edition to be published today the most important in years. The dictionary includes some 2,000 new words and phrases — including those used above — and took six years to compile. Helen McManners, a spokeswoman for Oxford University Press, told Agence France-Press that the project cost \$4.8 million and was the first edition written from scratch in more than 70 years. In addition to *Blairite* (of Tony Blair, the English prime minister) and *mouse potato* (a consistent computer user), the dictionary includes new defin -