

## TWO MEN WITH THE BLUES

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Country icon WILLIE NELSON and jazz virtuoso WYNTON MARSALIS might sound like odd collaborators, but last year the pair teamed up for a couple of sell-out concerts at New York's famed Lincoln Centre. The shows, part of the 'Singers Over Manhattan' project, were critically acclaimed and it was obvious that though coming from different musical backgrounds, NELSON and MARSALIS shared the same love, passion and respect for the blues. Blue Note Records have now released a 10 track CD featuring concert highlights like 'Night Life', 'Caldonia' and 'Georgia On My Mind'. Throughout, NELSON'S laconic vocals are a perfect foil to MARSALIS' unforced, authoritative horn playing.