



# The Duke Ellington Society (TDES, Inc.)

Celebrating the music of Duke Ellington

**Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at 7:30PM**  
Saint Peter's Church—54th Street & Lexington Avenue

## **Ricky Riccardi: Louis Armstrong**

Ricky Riccardi recently described himself as “a 28-year-old Louis Armstrong freak with a Master’s in Jazz History and Research from Rutgers.” He taught jazz history for a year at Rutgers, delivered three lectures on Armstrong at the

Institute of Jazz Studies, and appeared at the 2008 Satchmo Summerfest in New Orleans.



His book *What a Wonderful World: The Magic of Louis Armstrong’s Later Years* is scheduled to appear in April 2010. Like many young people, he writes a blog—The Wonderful World of Louis Armstrong, and you can find more information on the blog.

In mid-October, Mr. Riccardi will become the project archivist at the Louis Armstrong Archives at Queens College in New York City. He is also a jazz pianist who leads a trio in Toms River, New Jersey, his hometown.

The photo above of the wax figure of Louis Armstrong with the real Ricky Riccardi was taken at Madame Toussaud’s Wax Museum on 42nd Street in New York City.

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