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Jazz Great for New York Shows

Jamaican-born jazz pianist Monty Alexander is set to thrill fans in the Big Apple early next month with music from his new album, "Concrete Jungle: The Music of Bob Marley." Alexander is slated for live performances at the Jazz Standard, 116 East 27th St. in Manhattan, from Aug. 9 through Aug. 13 at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. nightly.

"Concrete Jungle" is a set of twelve compositions penned by Marley and reinterpreted via Alexander's jazz piano-oriented arrangements. The album was recorded at Marley's Tuff Gong Studio in Kingston, Jamaica.

Alexander debuted professionally as a musician in the late 1950's along with his group, "The Cyclones." They landed several songs on the Jamaican music charts between 1958 and 1960. Alexander moved to the U.S. in 1961 and has enjoyed a stellar career since.

Tickets for the Standard show are \$25 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and \$30 on Friday and Saturday. For more information or tickets, log on to www.jazzstandard.net or call (212) 576-2232.