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## **MATTHEW WHITAKER**

Stellar jazz pianist Matthew Whitaker has been blind since birth and playing music since his grandfather bought him a small keyboard at age three. At 10, he performed for Stevie Wonder's induction into the Apollo Theater Hall of Fame. Now, at age 19, Whitaker has been featured on stages around the world, including Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, and the Lincoln Center.

A patron of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS), using their Music Section's accessible scores and reading materials—the largest collection of its kind in the world—on his rise to fame, Whitaker will kick off NLS's 90th anniversary celebrations with his virtual concert.

Whitaker's performance will be broadcast online and preceded by an interview conducted by NLS Director Karen Keninger. You can see Whitaker's past performances, including appearances on television shows like the Today Show, 60 Minutes, and primetime talk show Ellen, at [www.matthewwhitaker.net](http://www.matthewwhitaker.net).

## **WEDNESDAY**

# **3 MARCH 2021**

## **8:00PM**

### **Event Premiere**

[https://www.youtube.com/user/  
LibraryOfCongress](https://www.youtube.com/user/LibraryOfCongress)

To find out more about the concert and NLS's 90th anniversary, follow NLS on Facebook and check out the NLS Music Notes blog at <https://blogs.loc.gov/nls-music-notes>.

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