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# Oscar Peterson plays for young musicians

The man and his music will make for a unique occasion when Canada's best-known pianist Oscar Peterson performs a benefit concert for the Jazz Studies program of York University. Peterson has recently been appointed to the music department.

Oscar Peterson, a giant among musicians, is ready to share his talent and pass along his expertise.

"I've been fortunate to have a successful jazz career and I feel it's now my turn to use that experience to help direct students," said Canada's best-known pianist Peterson, recently appointed Adjunct Professor of Music in Jazz Studies with York's Department of Music, Faculty of Fine Arts.

Peterson will perform a benefit concert for York University on Feb. 15, at Roy Thomson Hall.

Peterson has a close affinity with the Jazz Studies program at York. "I admire the Music Department's progressive attitude which encourages well respected jazz artists to participate in its programs," says Peterson who will teach in the areas of performance and theory.

Jim McKay, chairman of the Music Department, considers Oscar Peterson "a jazz legend and a cultural resource who will help enhance our students' knowledge of jazz history and its performance."

Peterson received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from York University in 1982.

Nominated 10 times for the prestigious U.S. Grammy Award, Peterson has won four Grammys to date. In 1978, he was one of the first recipients of the coveted Juno Award from the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. The award was presented by Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau "for his contribution toward the greater international recognition of Canadian artists and music." A long-time Mississauga resident, Peterson was also honored as the first-ever recipient of Mississauga's Musician of the Year award in 1982.

Peterson will perform a benefit concert for York University on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. All proceeds from this special gala event will be directed toward establishing the Oscar Peterson Scholarship for Jazz Studies at York University.

Ticket prices range from \$15.50 to \$35.50. For advance ticket sales contact the Roy Thomson Hall Box Office at (416) 593-4828.

