

## Rare show for Oscar

Two of Canada's piano heavyweights, Mississaugans Oscar Peterson and Doug Riley, join more than 2,000 artists appearing at the 11th annual du Maurier Downtown Jazz Festival in Toronto, starting this Friday, June 20 and running through June 29.

There's quite the buzz over Peterson's rare Toronto gig, Friday at the Montreal Bistro starting at 10 p.m. The legend will be joined by bassist David Young, guitarist Herb Ellis and drummer Martin Drew.

While not scheduled as an official festival event, this opening night fundraiser for Mississauga's Froebel Education Centre sold out in under two hours. Tickets cost \$75.

Peterson, 72, recently returned to his native Montreal to accept the Loyola Medal from Concordia University, to add to his Order Of Canada status.

With his March release, *A Tribute To Oscar Peterson: Live At The Town Hall* burning up the charts in several nations, the Canadian jazz icon will make four European festival appearances this summer.

Meanwhile Riley, who was more well-known as Dr. Music, leads his bluesy B3 Quartet into the Orbit Room for shows Tuesday and Wednesday, June 24-25. The show starts at 10 p.m. both nights.

This accomplished recording artist, session man, producer, composer, artistic director, and jingle writer says playing the du Maurier Festival still gives him a thrill.

Tickets to the festival range in price from \$65 for marquee concerts to \$1-\$2 for a whole realm of acts.

For tickets, call Ticketmaster at (416) 872-2222.



Jazz legend Oscar Peterson opens the du Maurier Downtown Jazz festival Friday night at the Montreal Bistro. June 16/97 M.N.

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