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Man of the year

Mississauga's grand old man, Ray Sonin — broadcaster, journalist, author, songwriter and the owner of the best-known British accent in Ontario — is about to wade knee-deep in another honor.

The prestigious St. George's Society of Toronto is about to make Sonin its "Man of the Year" with appropriate pomp and ceremony in the Royal York Hotel's Concert Hall on April 20.

The occasion will be St. George's 156th annual Red Rose Banquet and Ball, a social event of notable significance.

Ray's predecessors for the award in recent years have been the Canadian ambassador of Iran hostage fame, Ken Taylor; the man of many interests Ed (as in Honest Ed) Mirvish; National Ballet queenpin Celia Franca; marathon swimmer Jocelyn Muir; and Conductor Laureate Andrew Davis.

Heady company, all right. But so was the one that saw Queen Elizabeth present Ray with MBE honors at Buckingham Palace a few moons back in 1985.