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Jazz Great Oscar Peterson Remembered

(AP) -- Oscar Peterson, whose early talent, speedy fingers and musical genius made him one of the world's best known jazz pianists, is being remembered after his death on Dec. 23 at the age of 82.

During an illustrious career spanning seven decades, Peterson played with some of the biggest names in jazz, including Ella Fitzgerald, Count Basie and Dizzy Gillespie. He is also remembered for touring in a trio with Ray Brown on bass and Herb Ellis on guitar in the 1950s.

His growing stature was reflected in the admiration of his peers. Duke Ellington referred to him as "Maharajah of the keyboard," while Count Basie once said "Oscar Peterson plays the best ivory box I've ever heard." Herbie Hancock, another leg-



Oscar Peterson

endary jazz pianist, said Peterson's impact was profound. "Oscar Peterson redefined swing for modern jazz pianists for the latter half of the 20th cen-

ture," Hancock said. "I consider him the major influence that formed my roots in jazz piano playing. ... No one will ever be able to take his place."

Jazz impresario Quincy Jones said it was a blessing to have worked with Peterson.

"He was one of the last of the giants, but his music and contributions will be eternal," Jones said.

Peterson became a teen sensation in his native Canada, playing in dance bands and recording in the late 1930s and early 1940s. But he got his real break as a surprise guest at Carnegie Hall in 1949, after which he began touring the United States and Europe.

He quickly made a name for himself as a jazz virtuoso, often compared to piano great Art Tatum, his childhood idol, for his

speed and technical skill.

He was also influenced by Nat King Cole, whose Nat King Cole Trio album he considered "a complete musical thesaurus for any aspiring jazz pianist."

In 2005 he became the first living person other than a reigning monarch to obtain a commemorative stamp in Canada, where he is jazz royalty, with streets, squares, concert halls and schools named after him.

"A jazz player is an instant composer," Peterson once said in a CBC interview, while conceding jazz did not have the mass appeal of other genres. "You have to think about it, it's an intellectual form," he said.

Peterson leaves behind his wife, Kelly, and their daughter, Celine.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

First Thursday Celebration -- Thursday, Jan. 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate, hosts this free celebration. Call 503-823-4322 for more information.

Gallery Exhibits -- Thursday, Jan. 3 through Saturday, Jan. 26, the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate, will host two gallery exhibits: 'Oil/Resist' and 'Iranian Women Speak Out Through Art', for more information on these dynamic free exhibits contact 503-823-4322.

Oregon Wine & Food Festival -- Friday, Jan. 11 through Sunday, Jan. 13, at the Oregon State Fairgrounds, Jackman Long Building in Salem, host the annual festival. The first 200 people on Friday and Sunday only will receive free admission. For information, call 503-390-7324.

Carousels: The Art of the Animal -- Currently through Jan. 31, the World Forestry Center Discovery Museum will present a magnificent display of antique hand-carved wooden animals; for more information call 503-288-1367 or visit worldforestry.org.

Norman Sylvester -- The Norman Sylvester Band will take the stage at Tillicum in Beaverton. For information, call 503-286-6474 or visit normansylvester.com.

Liv Warfield -- Saturday, Jan. 19 Liv Warfield will be performing at OMSI for a special annual fundraiser; for more information contact 310-645-4246.

Sea Monsters -- Spectacular photo-realistic animation brings creatures of the deep to life in the new National Geographic Ominimax film Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure, now playing at OMSI.

Sliders Grill -- Sliders Grill, 3011 N. Lombard, features an eclectic assortment of performers on the main stage, accompanied by delicious food. Call 503-459-4488 for more information.

Sunday Night Jazz -- Jazz enthusiasts can enjoy listening to the cool sounds of Mel Brown, in the Rogue River Room at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City. No cover charge.

Hip-hop Dance Classes -- Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation is hosting family friendly hip-hop dance classes for ages 5 to 18. Various lessons teach rhythm, technique, coordination, agility and teamwork through urban dance moves. For more information, call 360-696-8236.

Open Mic Night -- Every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., Proper Eats Market and Café, 8638 N. Lombard St., host open mic night.

Obituary

Christopher Jarae' Frazier



December 14, 1987 - December 25, 2007

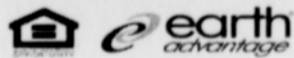
A public visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 2nd from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM at Caldwell's Colonial Chapel at 20 NE 14th Avenue, Portland 97232. CJ's Home Going Celebration will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 3rd at Maranatha Church at 4222 NE 12th Avenue, Portland 97211.



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WHEN?
Monday January 21, 2008
11:00 A.M. - 6:30 P.M.

WHERE?
Highland Center
7600 N.E. Glisan,
Portland, Oregon

Featured Artist: Jefferson Dancers, Linda Hornbuckle, Janice Scroggins, NW Gospel Community Choir, Eugene Blackmon and Chosen Generation, Janice Flowers-Hopkins, Battle Ground High School Jazz Band, DaNell Dayman & Royalty, Gospel Music Workshop of America, Highland Christian Church Choir, Gospel Crew (U of O), Goldie Irby, Danny Osborne & Time Sound Ensemble, Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Ensemble, Jefferson High Gospel Ensemble, Kukatown (Woodlawn Elementary School), Boise Elementary Choir, Aaron Meyer, Vancouver Ave. First Baptist Church, Marion Reid

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