

## Initiative taken by the Ville de Montréal

### Foundation of a committee aimed to perpetuate Osacar Peterson's memory.

**Montréal, August 12, 2008** – Mrs. Catherine Sévigny, Culture and Downtown Councilor, met today with the members of the committee, which will be responsible for suggesting ways of honoring the memory of Oscar Peterson who died last December.

“A giant among the jazz giants, Oscar Peterson received numerous prizes and awards. His international career has been filled with success. This great Montrealer seduced the experts but he also succeeded in sharing his love for jazz with audiences all around the world. If Montreal has become a lively city, a metropolis famous for the high level of its creations and musical performances, a good part of it is due to Oscar Peterson's talent”, said Mrs. Sévigny.

#### **Committee's members ([Photo](#))**

Various prominent people accepted the city's invitation to take part to this committee. They are **Oliver Jones**, musician, composer, and teacher; **Denis Brott**, Founder and Artistic Director, Montreal Chamber Music Festival, **André Ménard**, Vice-President and Artistic Director, Montreal International Jazz Festival, **Pierre Bourgie**, President, Société financière Bourgie, **Madeleine Poulin**, journalist, **Pierre E. Fréchette**, Borough Councilor, South-West Borough, **Marie Lessard**, President, Conseil du Patrimoine de Montréal, **Jean-François Leclerc**, Director, Centre d'Histoire de Montréal, and **Céline Topp**, Director, Bureau du patrimoine, de la toponymie et de l'expertise au Service de la mise en valeur du territoire et du patrimoine de la Ville de Montréal.

Let's remind that last Spring, the City of Montréal, through its municipal council, adopted a proposal meant to carry on Oscar Peterson's memory. Hence this committee set up by the City to suggest different ways of commemorating the famous Montrealer's memory on the City's territory.

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