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## Media Release

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### Canadian Jazz icons celebrate their birthdays at the 2008 Festival of the Sound

(Parry Sound, June 5, 2008)...The JAZZ CANADA weekend (August 2 – 4) at the 2008 Festival of the Sound (FOTS) is proving to be one of the hottest tickets in cottage country this summer.

Jazz greats Peter Appleyard, Phil Nimmons, Gene DiNovi, David Braid, Dave Young, Guido Basso, Carol Welsman and many more will appear on stage at the Charles W. Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts in Parry Sound, Ontario, in what has become a new tradition at the FOTS: a festival-within-the-festival celebrating Canadian Jazz musicians.

“The Jazz Canada Weekend has become a phenomenal concert series in what is primarily a classical music festival,” said Executive Director Margaret Boyd. “But many musicians, like Dave Young, play both genres, and we wanted to present the incredible musicians who make up the Canadian jazz scene. The Jazz Canada Weekend is always extremely popular at the Festival; the Peter Appleyard concert on August 3rd, for instance, is almost sold out.”

The Festival is especially pleased to present three of Canada's jazz icons this summer as they celebrate important birthdays: Peter Appleyard (80), Gene DiNovi (80) and Phil Nimmons (85).

“With these fine gentleman celebrating their birthdays this year,” said Margaret Boyd, “it just goes to show you how hip it is to be in your eighties.”

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