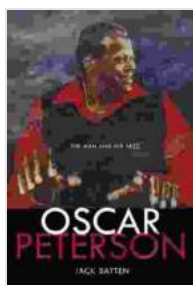


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Oscar Peterson was a Canadian jazz pianist who is widely considered one of the greatest jazz musicians of all time. He was known for his virtuosic technique, his mastery of bebop and other jazz styles, and his ability to swing with infectious joy. Peterson was also a prolific composer, and his songs have been recorded by many jazz greats, including Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, and Dizzy Gillespie.

Peterson was born in Montreal, Canada, in 1925. He began playing the piano at an early age, and by the time he was a teenager, he was playing professionally in local jazz clubs. In the 1940s, Peterson moved to New York City, where he quickly established himself as one of the leading jazz pianists of his generation. He played with some of the biggest names in jazz, including Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, and Lester Young.

In the 1950s, Peterson began to lead his own trio, which featured bassist Ray Brown and drummer Ed Thigpen. The Oscar Peterson Trio became one of the most popular jazz groups in the world, and they toured extensively throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. Peterson also continued to record as a solo artist, and he released a number of critically acclaimed albums, including "Night Train" (1962), "Canadiana Suite" (1964), and "Exclusively Peterson" (1969).

Peterson continued to perform and record well into his later years. He died in 2007 at the age of 82. He left behind a legacy of music that continues to

inspire and delight jazz fans around the world.

Musical Style

Oscar Peterson was a master of many jazz styles, but he was best known for his bebop playing. Bebop is a complex and improvisational style of jazz that was developed in the 1940s by musicians like Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie. Peterson was one of the few pianists who was able to truly master bebop, and he was known for his lightning-fast runs, his complex harmonies, and his infectious swing.

In addition to bebop, Peterson was also a gifted interpreter of other jazz styles, including swing, ballads, and Latin jazz. He was also a skilled accompanist, and he played with some of the greatest singers in jazz, including Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, and Billie Holiday.

Peterson's musical style was characterized by his virtuosic technique, his mastery of harmony, and his ability to swing with infectious joy. He was also a gifted composer, and his songs have been recorded by many jazz greats.

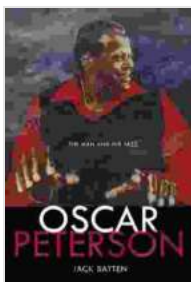
Legacy

Oscar Peterson was one of the most influential jazz pianists of all time. He helped to shape the sound of modern jazz, and his music continues to inspire and delight jazz fans around the world. Peterson was also a generous mentor to young musicians, and he helped to launch the careers of many jazz greats, including Herbie Hancock, Chick Corea, and McCoy Tyner.

Peterson's legacy is immense. He was a true jazz master, and his music will continue to be enjoyed for generations to come.

Oscar Peterson was a jazz icon who left an indelible mark on the world of music. His virtuosic technique, his mastery of jazz styles, and his infectious swing made him one of the most beloved jazz pianists of all time.

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