

**Winner Oscar Peterson
Grant for Jazz Performance**



Jonathan Challoner

Jonathan Challoner is a remarkable 18-year-old trumpet and trombone player from Coombs, British Columbia. The Vancouver Island student graduated from Kwilikum Secondary School in June 2005 and will be starting a Bachelor of Applied Music degree in jazz trumpet at Toronto's Humber School of Creative and Performing Arts in the fall. He has distinguished himself in music competitions in Canada and the United States, including the West Coast Jazz Festival in Nanaimo, Musicfest Canada and the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival at the University of Idaho.

Jonathan has also been a member of several all-star bands including the Vail Jazz All-Stars and the Gibson-Baldwin Grammy Jazz Band. He is the only Canadian member of the 2005 Next Generation Jazz Orchestra which will play at this year's Montreal and Monterey jazz festivals, and at Lincoln Center in New York City.

"In a year of what most music educators would consider a banner crop of graduating high school musicians, Jon Challoner stands out, even among the elite," says Denny Christianson, Director of the Music Program at Humber School of Creative and Performing Arts. The Hnatyshyn Foundation jazz jury, composed of Oscar Peterson, Brad Turner and John Geggie, was very impressed with Jonathan's "strong command of the horn". They praised his depth of vocabulary, inflection and harmonic diversity. "He is a very good musician who deserves our congratulations."