



The Hnatyshyn Foundation

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YOUNG CANADIAN ARTISTS TO RECEIVE GRANTS

Five young Canadians pursuing careers in the performing arts will receive \$10,000 each from The Hnatyshyn Foundation next July to assist them with their training. The Foundation's program of *Developing Artists Grants* was announced today in Ottawa by Gerda Hnatyshyn, C.C., President and Chair of the Board of The Hnatyshyn Foundation.

The *Developing Artists Grants*, the first program to be announced by the new foundation, will be awarded in the fields of instrumental classical music, classical voice, classical ballet, jazz and acting (theatre). Exceptionally talented young Canadians entering post-secondary studies in these disciplines can be nominated for the grants by their educational or professional training institutions. The nominees from across Canada will then be adjudicated by experts in each field. In the case of the classical voice grant, candidates must have already completed their undergraduate training and be pursuing graduate-level studies, either in an educational institution or with a recognized teacher.

"In deciding to award these grants mainly at the undergraduate level we relied on advice from educators in the performing arts who indicated that there is a need for entry-level training scholarships in Canada," said Mrs. Hnatyshyn. "We hope that our program will help fill that need."

The jazz grant will be named *The Hnatyshyn Foundation Oscar Peterson Grant for Jazz Performance* in honour of the legendary Canadian jazz pianist. Dr. Peterson performed a benefit concert for the Foundation at the National Arts Centre in July 2004. Proceeds from that concert have been invested in an endowment fund to finance the jazz grant.

The Hnatyshyn Foundation is a federally registered private charity established by the late Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Canada's twenty-fourth Governor General. Its goals are to help emerging and newly established artists in all disciplines with their schooling and training, and to promote to the Canadian public the importance of the arts in our society. Its programs are funded by donations from government, foundations, corporations and individuals. The Government of Canada has committed to match donations received by the Foundation up to a maximum of \$2.5 million.

Information about the Foundation and the *Developing Artists Grants* program is available on the Foundation's website www.rjhf.com

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