



Media Release

Jazz in the Barn *with Peter Appleyard and* *Canadian Jazz Legends of the Highest Order*

For immediate release

*"I am very excited to share the stage
with such a celebrated group of jazz colleagues
in the marvelous acoustic environment of my barn."
...Peter Appleyard*

In a swinging celebration of his 85th birthday, vibraphonist Peter Appleyard will host **Jazz in the Barn**, a full afternoon gala of fabulous music and elegant country fare on his Nassagaweya farm in **Milton on Sunday, May 26, 2013 at 1:00 pm**. Featuring jazz musicians who, like Peter, are recipients of the Order of Canada, the concert will raise funds for Eden Mills *It Takes a Village*.

Peter Appleyard OC will share the stage with **Guido Basso CC** on trumpet, **Jane Bunnett OC** on saxophone, **Terry Clarke CC** on drums, **Joe Sealey CC** on piano and **Dave Young CC** on bass.

Jazz in the Barn is a unique event designed to enhance the beauty of an idyllic spring day in the country. After a sumptuous repast in the meadow, guests will wind their way around the pond and take a silent auction exhibit of works by Eden Mills artists before they meander up a gentle slope to the hay-mow hall in the massive 1895 barn. There, six of Canada's most decorated jazz artists will fill the air with musical melodies and inventions guaranteed to put a swing into your step.

Each artist has built a distinctive career of contribution to the art of jazz, from Jane Bunnett's collaborations with Cuban artists to Joe Sealey's *Africville Suite*; from Guido Basso's mastery of the flugelhorn to Terry Clarke's role in founding the *Boss Brass*; from Dave Young's comfortable transitions between the classical and jazz forms to Peter's own travels from the Roof of Toronto's Park Plaza to the Apollo Theatre in Harlem to Trafalgar Square. In 2012 Peter Appleyard released two new albums on the Linus Label - *The Lost 1974 Sessions*, and *Sophisticated Ladies*. Both hit the top of the jazz charts.

Jazz in the Barn is a gala fund-raiser for *It Takes a Village*, a project of the south western Ontario village of Eden Mills. This community aims, among other things, to be the first village in North America to "go carbon neutral" and they are well on the way. Since 2007 the Village's carbon footprint has decreased by 22% and the 32,000 trees they have planted have increased carbon sequestration by 6%. In fact, the average per capita Eden Mills carbon footprint is 8 tonnes relative to the national average of 14 tonnes,

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when equivalent categories of emissions are compared. An energy retro-fit of the 100-year-old Community Hall is now underway, and by the end of 2013 the Hall's carbon emissions will have been reduced by a remarkable 63%. Funds raised at **Jazz in the Barn** will contribute to the community efforts to create a model of sustainability, a legacy for the children, and a demonstration of what can – and must – be accomplished around the globe.

Peter Appleyard and his wife Elfrieda live down the road from Eden Mills and participate in the life of the village. In generously offering to dedicate this concert to the community's fund-raising, Mr. Appleyard said, "I am privileged to promote and contribute to the exemplary environmental advances my neighbours in the village of Eden Mills are making. They are a friendly and foresighted community."

As a bonus, **Jazz in the Barn** will coincide with the annual Eden Mills Arts Festival (Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26). The festival showcases the work of more than 20 local artists and includes exciting dance and music performance. Concert goers can arrive early and visit the village. A representative display of works by the artists will be presented at Jazz in the Barn.

"One of the leading jazz percussionists in the world, it goes without saying, Peter Appleyard is the greatest jazz vibraphonist alive." - The Record

Jazz in the Barn:

Sunday, May 26, 2013

1:00 pm

\$150/person

\$1200/table of 8

\$1600/VIP table of 8

Tickets must be purchased in advance:

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