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Oscar Peterson: A Jazz Giant: Who Is Oscar Peterson?

While browsing the topic Oscar Peterson: A Jazz Giant on the CBC Radio and Television Archives Web Site, answer the following questions:

1. When and where was Oscar Peterson born?
2. What was his family background?
3. How did he become introduced to music?
4. What important musical opportunities did Oscar Peterson have as a teenager?
5. What important break came to Peterson in late 1949?
6. How was racism a serious barrier to Peterson and other black performers during the 1950s?
7. What role did Norman Granz play in promoting Peterson's musical career?
8. What national and international awards has Peterson received?
9. Why was Peterson's 1950s trio with Herb Ellis and Roy Brown considered to be such a famous jazz ensemble?
10. What is Peterson's attitude toward his native country?