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**Markham Jazz Festival 10th Anniversary Gala Taking Place August 11th,
features jazz pianist Oliver Jones**

Markham, Ontario – The Markham Jazz festival (MJF) will have been “Servin’ Up Jazz for the Past Ten Years” as of this summer.

On August 11th, the Festival will be hosting their 10th Anniversary GALA, in the heady and romantic Varley Art Gallery environment. Patrons will enjoy an up-close-and-personal performance by Oliver Jones, who is coming to Markham from Montreal specifically for this exclusive event. Also at this event, local Markham MPP Michael Chan and a representative from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will be present to welcome and address the attendees.

With the main events of the festival taking place the weekend of August 17-19, the MJF is able to expand to new locations due to a \$30,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

Traditionally the festival has been held along the Main Streets of Markham and Unionville.

Now this year, because of the OTF Grant, the festival will have a third main venue: the Markham Museum – an ideal environment for families.

The OTF Grant will also allow the MJF to expand its reach into Markham area high schools, where a mentoring/tutoring program will be conducted.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Culture, receives funds from Ontario’s charity casino initiative. The Foundation allocates grants to eligible charitable and not-for-profit organizations in the arts and culture, environment, human and social services, and sports and recreation sectors.

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For more information visit www.markhamjazzfestival.com

Markham Jazz Festival
“Servin’ Up Jazz for the past Ten Years”
Friday evening, August 17
Saturday, day and evening August 18
Sunday afternoon, August 19
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