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Ken Page Memorial Trust

# Lifetime Achievement Award



Photo by Don Vickery

## to Geoff Chapman

journalist, music critic, 5-time NJA Award winner  
for jazz journalism

*“Born in Welwyn Garden City near London in 1939 and force-fed an early radio diet of Geraldo, Edmundo Ros and Dick Barton, Special Agent, Geoff Chapman knew nothing of jazz until discovering Voice Of America while searching for the Goon Show on a cranky radio plugged into an immersion heater.*

*“An encounter with the girlfriend of an American GI revealed the existence of something called an Ell Pee with musicians named Sidney Bechet, Stan Kenton and Dave Brubeck... He soon learned the whereabouts of Doug Dobell’s record store, spending pocket money on swingers like Vic Dickenson and Ruby Braff though the first record he owned was a 78rpm – Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie doing ‘Now’s The Time’...*

*“Toronto was jazz heaven when he arrived in 1973 to be a Toronto Star editor... up close at the Colonial with Roland Kirk, Max Roach, Sonny Rollins, Dexter Gordon... a succession of divas at the Imperial Room such as Ella Fitzgerald and Pearl Bailey...*

*“After management stints as Sunday editor, assistant managing editor and foreign editor he inaugurated the business card title of ‘drama and jazz critic’ for The Star. Then came the Montreal Bistro, the Top O’ The Senator, the Bermuda Onion, The Pilot, The Rex and festivals aplenty, with many thousands of words as evidence...”  
(Chapman on Chapman)*

2008 marks the 10th anniversary of the Ken Page Memorial Trust, a non-profit charitable fund established in 1999 by Anne Page in association with the Toronto Downtown Jazz Society to benefit deserving jazz musicians while serving as a living legacy to tangibly honour the late Ken Page’s devotion to jazz and the professionals who dedicate their lives to playing it.

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This is the seventh time the **Ken Page Lifetime Achievement Award** has been presented in conjunction with the National Jazz Awards. Previous recipients were:

- 2007** **Jack Long**, founding Chairman of Long & McQuade Musical Instruments
- 2006** **Lothar & Brigitte Lang**, owners and operators of the Montreal Bistro & Jazz Club
- 2005** **Doug Cole**, founding owner and operator of Canada’s longest-running jazz club, George’s Spaghetti House
- 2004** **John Norris**, co-founder of Sackville Records; founding editor of Coda Magazine
- 2003** **Ted O’Reilly**, broadcaster, writer, producer
- 2002** **Phil Sheridan**, recording engineer, producer, record label principal

...celebrating a decade of dedication to jazz...