

“The
Australian
piano
whiz”

—Stephen Holden,
THE NEW YORK TIMES,
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AUSTRALIAN / NEW YORK JAZZ
PIANIST AND COMPOSER

An *Oscar* Moment

A CELEBRATION OF
THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF JAZZ PIANO
LEGEND OSCAR PETERSON

An 'Oscar Moment' showcases Baker's own interpretations of Peterson's greatest work, celebrating his life story and honouring his legacy as a pianist and timeless, world-class composer.

The show includes a lot of Peterson's original work, including some previously unrecorded compositions given to Baker by the Peterson estate. The two met in 2002 at the Blue Note in NYC, which was the start of a friendship and mentorship that lasted until Peterson's death in 2007.

With the blessings of the Peterson family, Matt recently presented 'An Oscar Moment' to a sold out crowd at Birdland, which also became the world premiere for some of these 'new' OP compositions.

The trio goes on a musical journey revisiting some classic moments in Peterson's career such as accompanying Jazz legends Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong, as well as his formidable Solo Piano and Trio performances. The show features the hits 'Satin Doll', 'Tenderly', 'Chicago' and many other classics from the Great American songbook.

Matt has had many trips up to the Peterson home the last few years, exploring more of Oscar's unrecorded compositions, playing his piano and participating in some of the exciting projects the Peterson family and estate are undertaking.

PERFORMANCE FORMATS

Matt Baker Trio

with Jim Cammack: Bass,
Jerome Jennings: Drums
(subject to availability)

Matt Baker Quartet

The Trio plus Vocalist Brianna Thomas
for 'An Oscar Moment' performances
(subject to availability)

Matt Baker Solo Piano



“I am thrilled
that you have put
together a tribute
show! Also so
happy that you
want to play
Oscar's music.”

—Kelly Peterson



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