

Light The Charcoal, 4th Of July Is On Its Way

Light the charcoal on the grill. Bring out the lawn chairs and on with the fireworks. It's the Fourth of July and that's the biggest happening going on this weekend anywhere. The hot dogs, roasting, the cole slaw chilling in the refrigerator and that juicy watermelon waiting to be cut open completes the picture of one of the family-oriented occasions observed.

But more important, in the midst of all the festivities remember what this day symbolizes. Independence and Freedom. And until our brothers and sisters are free in every part of the world, there can be no true Independence celebration.

OSCAR PETERSON

After being one of the fortunate ones to experience Oscar Peterson's recent performance at Ovens, just a word had to be said.

What Peterson gave to those listening was similar to hearing a private conversation between two lovers. Oscar and his piano. There was no other musical instrument, just Oscar and his instrument.

And just as a lover would please, tease, indulge and delight, the same was true of what Peterson did to his



Loretta

audience. For a novice Peterson listener, bursts of applause were heard throughout the evening as Peterson's fingers glided from one song to another and a piece was recognized.

It wasn't just the familiar tunes that Peterson brought to us. There was the privilege of hearing two new compositions he was working on, "Gentle Waltz," "The Love Ballad," as well as the piece he was commissioned by the City of Toronto to compose, "City Lights."

It all came to a halt much too soon. Suddenly, the magic was over, but the spell Peterson put us under remained.

WPCQ

Channel 36 will present the first annual WPCQ-TV Jazz Picnic on Sunday, July 13, from 4-7 p.m. The

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event to be held on the lawn at Hampton Manor, will be a fundraiser to benefit the United Cerebral Palsy.

Entertainment for the picnic will be provided by Flight 108 and Jim Brock & the Montuno Jazz Orchestra. Domino's Pizza, Bryer's Ice Cream, Miller Beer and Coca-Cola will have refreshments available for \$1 each.

Admission is \$3 and is payable at the door. EZ-104 FM and the Charlotte Jazz Society are co-sponsoring this event.

CAROWINDS AND JULY
July is a hot month at Carowinds. Four outstanding recording artists will be in concert at the amusement park.

Starship, Robert Palmer, Billy Ocean and Patti LaBelle will take center stage at the Paladium. On July 6 Starship will be singing "We Built This City" from their new album, "Knee Deep In The Hoopla."

On Saturday, July 12, at 8 p.m. Robert Palmer will thrill fans with hits like "Addicted To Love," "Sneakin' Through the Alley" and "Bad Case Of Loving You."

Billy Ocean comes to the Paladium on Saturday, July 19. His multiplatinum album and his Grammy award for Best Male R&B Vocal Performance have made him one of the top male vocalists of the

century. Meli'sa Morgan, who sings "Do Me Baby," will also perform.

But the show of shows will be Patti LaBelle's appearance at Carowinds on July 26 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aptly fitting the label of "superstar," Patti has the respect of not only her loyal fans but her colleagues in the music profession as well. Few performers can match the energy or the excitement that she generates.

FIRST STEPS

Judd Hirsch and Amy Steel star in a drama based on fact, chronicling the experiment of a bio-engineer in Ohio whose pioneering work with computer electrodes led to a 23-year-old paraplegic walking 10 steps at her college graduation. "First Steps" airs Sunday, July 6, at 9 p.m. on Channel 3.



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