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University of Pittsburgh Accepting Applications for PITT/BNY Mellon Jazz Scholarship

PITTSBURGH, April 30, 2010 – BNY Mellon and the University of Pittsburgh today announced that applications are being accepted for the 2010 PITT/BNY Mellon Jazz Scholarship.

Now in its 24th year, the annual, \$5,000 PITT/BNY Mellon Jazz Scholarship is judged by a panel of nationally recognized jazz musicians on the basis of musical ability as demonstrated by an audition tape or CD that includes samplings of various musical styles. Any full-time undergraduate student who will be enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh during the fall 2010 semester is eligible to apply for the scholarship.

The 2009 PITT/BNY Mellon Jazz scholar, James Holman, is originally from Chicago where he began taking piano lessons at a young age and switched to jazz piano as a teenager. He is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Arts degree in Music and he is studying composition under Roger Zahab, Pitt music lecturer and director of the University Orchestra, focusing on third-stream music – a blend of jazz and classical. Holman is also a pianist in the PITT Jazz ensemble.

“The University of Pittsburgh is an exceptional academic institution and driver of economic activity in this region. We are especially proud to continue to offer this unique opportunity for their most talented jazz students to excel,” said Jim McDonald, BNY Mellon’s director of philanthropy and employee programs.

“We benefit in many ways from BNY Mellon’s commitment to preserving and strengthening jazz in our region through the BNY Mellon Jazz initiative. Their support of jazz education is one of the most important forms of support,” said PITT Jazz Studies director, Nathan Davis.

Applications for the 2010 PITT/BNY Mellon Jazz Scholarship must be submitted by Monday, May 10, 2010. For more information or to obtain an application, call the University of Pittsburgh Music Department at (412) 624-4187, visit <http://www.music.pitt.edu/blog/pittbny-mellon-jazz-scholarship-app100418> or write to: 2010 PITT/BNY Mellon Jazz Scholarship, 130 Music Building, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.
