A three-time Grammy Award winner, Chicago native Ramsey Lewis began taking piano lessons at age four. He has been referred to as “the great performer,” performing with over 25 symphony orchestras throughout the U.S. and Canada, and in concert and at festivals throughout Europe, Japan, Mexico and the Caribbean. He currently is the host of WNUA-FM’s “The Ramsey Lewis Morning Show” weekday morning drive-time radio show; host of the syndicated, “Legends of Jazz with Ramsey Lewis,” a two-hour radio show in over 75 U.S. cities; is currently touring with his trio composed of Larry Gray on bass and Leon Joyce on drums; serves as Artistic Director for the Ravinia Festival’s Jazz Series since 1992 and helped organize the Ravinia Festival’s Mentor Program. He is on the board of directors for the Merit School of Music, the Gateway Foundation/Richard B. Ogilvie Society and the Ravinia Mentor Program.