



~ Byron Janis

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Byron Janis, the world-famous pianist who linked nations with music even as he overcame debilitating arthritis to keep playing, has died on March 17. He was 95. Janis launched his 85-year musical career as a child prodigy, debuting with Arturo Toscanini's NBC Symphony Orchestra. In 1973 psoriatic arthritis set in affecting his hands and wrists. In 1986 Janis became a spokesperson for the National Arthritis Foundation.



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