

Jones' role in Olympics focusing on rights

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LOS ANGELES — It's been more than a year since **Quincy Jones** was tapped to serve as a culture and art consultant for the 2008 summer Olympic games in Beijing. But instead of

artistic planning, he's been focused on human rights.

"I don't pretend to be a politician," the music impresario and longtime humanitarian said. "I'm just a musician who cares."

Jones, 75, addressed a group of Chinese-American business and cultural leaders in Los Angeles on Saturday to discuss his position on China's role in the Darfur crisis.

China has faced protests for its mistreatment of Tibetans and for providing weapons and economic support to Sudan's war-torn Darfur region. **Steven Spielberg**, also named as an Olympic culture and art consultant, abandoned the role in February in protest of China's

role in Darfur. But Jones remains committed.

"It's not my intention to withdraw from the Olympics," he said in his speech. "I care too much about Darfur and China, and if I can stay in the game with others like us, I feel we can make a difference."



HUMANITARIAN: "I don't pretend to be a politician," said Quincy Jones on Saturday.

