



Accentuate The Positive

Johnny Mercer was born on November 18, 1909 in Savannah, Georgia. From the 1930s to the 1950s he co-wrote a slew of hit songs including "Moon River," "You Must Have Been A Beautiful Baby," "Come Rain Or Come Shine," "One For My Baby (And One More For The Road)," "Anyplace I Hang My Hat Is Home," "On The Atchison, Topeka And The Santa Fe," "Too Marvelous For Words," "Hooray For Hollywood," "Jeepers Creepers," "That Old Black Magic," "Blues In The Night," "In The Cool, Cool, Cool Of The Evening," "I'm Old Fashioned," "Autumn Leaves," and "Skylark." Mercer was nominated for 19 Academy Awards, winning four Oscars for best original song, and had many successful shows on Broadway. And In addition to being a successful singer and songwriter, Mercer also co-founded Capital Records! Will and Joe will breathe new life into Mercer's inspiring catalogue of songs and will share a few stories about his life as well as how some of his songs came to be written.

Will has sung at venues such as Scullers Jazz Club, Westbeth Performance Center (NYC), Spring Island (South Carolina), and Yin Par Le Garcon Chinois (Shanghai). For years McMillan hosted "Will & Company," a series in Harvard Square highlighting local performers and songwriters, which earned him an IRNE Award for Best Cabaret Show in a Small Venue. He has released four CDs, and you are welcome to visit his blog, AMusicalifeOnPlanetEarth.WordPress.com and/or web site, WillSings.com.

Joe enjoys a busy music career, playing 100+ concerts a year. He performs with a wide range of jazz and classical musicians and has worked with theatre groups, chamber ensembles, and dance troupes. Joe has been an accompanist for the Boston Conservatory, the Longy School of Music, the New School of Music, and the Mark Morris Dance Company. Check out Joe's YouTube channel by searching YouTube under "Joe Reid Music."