



Heart and Soul

Frank Loesser was a lyricist, composer and businessman who created an extraordinary catalog of song hits. He was born into a family of classical musicians — and rebelled to pursue his passion for pop music and musical theater. Starting as a lyricist, he co-wrote such hits as "I Don't Want to Walk Without You," "I Hear Music," and "Two Sleepy People" in Hollywood. During World War II he joined the Special Services division of the Army, writing words and music for original shows to entertain the troops. He also penned the anthem "Praise The Lord and Pass The Ammunition." After the war, he returned to New York and wrote the songs for his first musical, *Where's Charley?* — which was followed by other hit shows including *Guys and Dolls*, *The Most Happy Fella*, and *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*. Will McMillan and Joe Reid will put their own spin on Loesser classics such as "Let's Get Lost," "Luck Be A Lady," "I've Never Been In Love Before" "I'd Like To Get You On A Slow Boat to China," "Once In Love With Amy," "Inchworm," "If I Were A Bell," "Sit Down You're Rocking The Boat," "Somebody, Somewhere," "Thumbelina," and "I Believe In You" — as well as share some stories about Mr. Loesser's life and how some of his songs came to be written.

Will has sung at venues such as Scullers Jazz Club, Sanders Theatre, 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 a broad spectrum of theatre groups, jazz and chamber ensembles and dance troupes. Joe has worked as an accompanist for the Boston Conservatory, the Longy School of Music, the New School of Music in Cambridge and the Mark Morris Dance Company. Check out Joe's YouTube channel by searching YouTube under "Joe Reid Music" or visit his website, JoeReidMusic.com.