



That's Amore: The Songs of Harry Warren

Composer Harry Warren (born Salvatore Guaragna on December 24, 1893) is one of the unsung heroes of Hollywood's golden era. From 1931 - 1945, Harry Warren co-wrote more hit songs than Irving Berlin, and had more Oscar nominations for best song (11) and wins (3) than Berlin, George Gershwin, or Hoagy Carmichael. Warren also had more hit records — 42 songs! — on "Your Hit Parade" than any of his peers. Some of his standards include "That's Amore," "Jeepers Creepers," "We're in the Money," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "Lulu's Back In Town," "I Only Have Eyes for You," "The More I See You," "Lullaby of Broadway," "This Heart Of Mine," "You'll Never Know," "You Must Have Been A Beautiful Baby," "42nd Street," and "At Last."

Although a Brooklyn boy at heart, Harry Warren ended up living in California for most of his adult life — working primarily for four movie studios: Warner Brothers in the 30s, 20th Century-Fox in the early 40s, MGM in the later 40s, and finally Paramount in the 50's. Warren's songs have been in more movies — 109 — than any other composer, yet during his lifetime he did not receive anywhere near the acclaim as fellow composers such as Jerome Kern, Richard Rodgers, or Harold Arlen. Singer Will McMillan and jazz pianist Joe Reid will share a bunch of Warren's great songs as well as stories about his life, his career in Hollywood, and how certain songs came to be written.

Will has sung at venues such as Scullers Jazz Club, Sanders Theatre, the JFK Library, Inn on Newfound Lake (NH), Hi-Hat Club (RI), Westbeth Performance Center (NYC), Spring Island (SC), and Yin Par Le Garcon Chinois (Shanghai). For years McMillan hosted "Will & Company," a series at the Blacksmith House 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 — "Sketchbook 1" and "Blame Those Gershwins" with pianist Steve Sweeting, "Reel One" with the vocal ensemble *At The Movies*, and "If I Loved You," with singer Bobbi Carrey and pianist Doug Hammer. You are welcome to visit his web site, WillSings.com, and his blog, AMusicalifeOnPlanetEarth.WordPress.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.