

## Bill Jolly

Bill Jolly is a (3) time Emmy Award winning composer/ arranger/ musical director and keyboardist. He's been featured twice in Keyboard Magazine and has composed music for HBO, MTV, NBC, ABC, CBS, Showtime, Columbia Tri- Star Pictures, Millennium Films, Coca-Cola, McDonalds and numerous media outlets globally. He has appeared in commercials and endorsements for Verizon, Hyatt, Bose, Korg, ProjectSam and Advanta Bank. Bill has directed The Emmy Awards, The Marian Anderson Awards, The Rhythm and Blues Foundation Awards, Susan G. Komen's "Honoring the Promise" Gala (at the Kennedy Center) and Radio One's 25th Anniversary (featuring Beyonce'.) Bill has arranged musical tributes to everyone from Earth Wind and Fire to Billy Joel, Bon Jovi to Motown.

Bill has performed before (4) U.S. Presidents as well as both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions. He's appeared onstage with Celine Dion, Usher, Michael Buble', Michael Jackson, Estelle, Shania Twain, Stevie Wonder, Brian McKnight, Aretha Franklin, All-American Rejects, Musiq, Michael Bolton, Anthony Hamilton, Quincy Jones, Jill Scott, Bonnie Raitt, Tyrese, Paul Schafer, Bill Cosby, Patti LaBelle, Wayne Brady and the late Grover Washington Jr. to name a few. Bill conducted and directed the orchestra for the Sony/PBS/Live Nation DVD and TV special "Love Train: The Sound of Philadelphia" as well as the late Teddy Pendergrass' DVD, "From Teddy with Love."

His theater credits include Stephen Stahl's "Lady Day," (The Billie Holiday story) starring Dee Dee Bridgewater, (Off- Broadway, London and Paris tours) the Off-Broadway comedy, "Norma Doesman," "It Ain't Nothin' But The Blues," "Ain't Misbehavin'," and the gospel play, "The Gate Called Straight."

Bill was a founding member of the Phila. NARAS branch, was inducted into the Phila. Music Alliance Walk of Fame and Overbrook High School's Hall of Fame. He received the 2014 "Will Smith Overbrook High School Distinguished Alumnus Award" from the Elvira B. Pierce Scholarship Fund and received West Chester University's Distinguished Alumni Award and "Drum Major for Peace" Awards.

Bill's collaborated on music with Academy Award nominated director Lee Daniels on his 2012 film, "The Paperboy," starring Nicole Kidman, Zac Efron and Matthew McConaughey and 2013's "The Butler," starring Oprah, Terrence Howard, Cuba Gooding, Jr., Jane Fonda, Lenny Kravitz and Forrest Whitaker.

Bill gave the Commencement speech at West Chester University's 2013 graduation exercises, receiving the first standing ovation for a guest speaker in over 20 years. Bill is the global winner of Hyatt's "The Big Welcome" contest which netted him 365 free Hyatt stays and 1 million free airline miles. He's travelled completely around the world. Bill is a single father of a beautiful young daughter named Bianca. [www.BillJolly.com](http://www.BillJolly.com)

