



Swinging On A Star

Harry Lillis "Bing" Crosby Jr. was one of America's first superstars. He had more hit singles than any other recording artist in history, starred in scores of movies — winning an Oscar for best actor in 1944 — and hosted radio programs which reached millions of listeners each week. During WWII he toured the front lines and was described as "the person who did the most for the morale of overseas servicemen" by *Yank Magazine*. He was also a very successful entrepreneur, helping to found the recording company Ampex, building the Del Mar race track, developing real estate, buying TV stations, and co-owning a major league baseball team. Bing's biggest hit song was "White Christmas," which stayed at number one on the radio charts for 11 weeks, becoming the most successful single of all time. Will and Joe will share many of Bing's biggest hits — including "Count Your Blessings," "Pennies From Heaven," "You're Getting To Be A Habit With Me," "In The Cool, Cool, Cool Of The Evening," "Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?" "Small Fry," "Swinging On A Star," "Accentuate The Positive," and "True Love"— as well as stories about how certain songs came to be created.

Will McMillan has performed as a featured vocalist at venues ranging from Scullers Jazz Club to Yin Par Le Garçon 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, find him singing on lots of digital music platforms (such as Pandora, Spotify, Amazon and Apple) by searching for "**Will McMillan featuring Doug Hammer**," watch him sing on YouTube by searching "**Timberlane Pops with Will McMillan**" or listen to music at his blog, AMusicalifeOnPlanetEarth.WordPress.com.

Pianist **Joe Reid** 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. You are welcome to visit Joe's YouTube channel by searching YouTube under "**JoeReidMusic**."