



Cheek to Cheek: The Songs of Fred Astaire

Actor, dancer, singer, and choreographer **Fred Astaire** traveled all over the United States as a child and teenager, performing with his older sister Adele in an increasingly successful vaudeville act. His career on stage, in film, and in television lasted for over 70 years, and the list of songs written for Fred Astaire to perform on Broadway and in Hollywood is extraordinary — ranging from "A Fine Romance" and "Pick Yourself Up" (by **Jerome Kern** and **Dorothy Fields**) to "Isn't This A Lovely Day?" and "Top Hat, White Tie And Tails" (by **Irving Berlin**) to "Nice Work If You Can Get It" and "They Can't Take That Away From Me" (by **George and Ira Gershwin**) to "Night and Day" and "After You, Who?" (by **Cole Porter**). Singer Will McMillan and jazz pianist Joe Reid will perform a top-drawer selection of songs written for Mr. Astaire — including "A Foggy Day," "Fascinating Rhythm," "Let's Face The Music And Dance," "This Heart of Mine," "Something's Gotta Give," "Let's Call The Whole Thing Off" and "The Way You Look Tonight" — and share a few stories about Fred's life and 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 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, find him singing on lots of digital music platforms — such as Pandora, Spotify, Amazon and Apple Music — 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**."