

Jim Wann



For over thirty years, Jim Wann has been a professional composer/lyricist and performer in musical theatre and in concert. He has played on flatbed trucks and in symphony halls, in late-night clubs and on Broadway, and his shows, new and tried-and-true, are produced on a regular basis.

As the principal author/composer of the Broadway hit, *PUMP BOYS AND DINETTES*, Mr. Wann also sang and acted the role of “Jim” in its original New York incarnations. Nominated for Tony and Drama Desk Awards for Best Musical and Best Music on Broadway, nominated for the Olivier Award for Best Musical in London, and winner of Canada’s Dora Award for Best Musical, *PUMP BOYS* is the longest-running musical in Chicago theatre history; has been produced around the world from Prague to Australia, South Africa to South Korea; and continues to flourish annually across America.

Mr. Wann’s off-Broadway successes include *DIAMOND STUDS: The Life Of Jesse James, A Saloon Musical*, notable for creating “Musicians’ Theatre” as a genre; and *KING MACKEREL & THE BLUES ARE RUNNING*, both co-authored with Bland Simpson. *KING MACKEREL*’s original cast of “Coastal Cohorts” (Mr. Wann, Mr. Simpson, and Don Dixon) is now in its twenty-third year of special engagements, raising funds for environmental and cultural organizations, with a new cd, “Wild Ponies,” and a new stage show.

THE PEOPLE VS. MONA, A Musical Mystery Screwball Comedy (co-author, Patricia Miller) enjoyed a sold-out limited run off-Broadway in 2007, and a cast recording produced by London’s JAY Records is to be released in early 2009, with principal roles sung by Broadway luminaries Lillias White (*Chicago*), Christiane Noll (*Jekyll And Hyde*), Natalie Toro (*Les Miserables*), Marc Kudisch (Dolly Parton’s *9 To 5*), and Ron Raines (TV’s *Guiding Light*). *MONA* will be published by Samuel French, NYC, in January 2009.

Recordings featuring Mr. Wann as vocalist include two solo discs, “*PARDON MY SOUTHERN ACCENT*” (Vol. 1, Johnny Mercer songs; and Vol. 2, Jim Wann songs), produced by Don Dixon (R.E.M., Hootie And The Blowfish, Marti Jones); and the original cast recordings for *PUMP BOYS* (Sony) and *KING MACKEREL* (Sugar Hill).

Mr. Wann has appeared on *TODAY*, *GOOD MORNING AMERICA*, *THE TONY AWARDS*, *THE PUMP BOYS AND DINETTES SPECIAL* (NBC), and *KING MACKEREL & THE BLUES ARE RUNNING* (WUNC-TV/PBS Special, a pledge drive favorite). As host of *Farmers’ Almanac TV*, a “green” lifestyle series, he appears on PBS nationally. A Morehead Scholar graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, Mr. Wann and his wife, Patricia, live on Tybee Island, GA, and in New York’s Hudson Valley, with two silly dogs and a fine fat cat.