

Bill Sample

Pianist | Composer | Arranger | Music Director

Bill Sample is a composer, producer, arranger and pianist. His career has spanned four decades and his reputation as skilled musician is unsurpassed. From recording with well-loved artists to writing and producing jingles for international advertising campaigns, Bill is a 'first call' musician and composer in Vancouver.

As a jazz pianist, Bill has opened for Oscar Peterson and Monty Alexander. He has performed with Ray Charles, Mel Torme, Robben Ford, Art Pepper, Dee Daniels and Fraser MacPherson. In addition, Bill has played with pop stars Brian Adams, Celine Dion, Peter Cetera and Kenny Loggins, to name a few.

A recent highlight of Bill's career includes playing on the Grammy-winning Ratatouille soundtrack. Bill's recording credits are far reaching and include Ashanti, Simple Plan, Jim Brickman, Randy Bachman (Jazz Thing), Eric Bibb, Valdy, Seal, Leon Bibb, and Michelle Wright.

Bill has been Musical Director for numerous musicals and recently composed a trilogy of musicals for Theatre in the Raw.

Bill has a degree in Music Composition from the University of Victoria and studied arranging at Berklee College, Boston.

In 2003, Bill was inducted into the BC Entertainment Hall of Fame. In 2010, Bill received both a Lifetime Achievement Award and Most Influential Jazz Musician from the Royal Canadian Music Project, and his band Sample Stearns Band (from the 70's) received the Most Influential Group Award.

In 2013, Bill was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.