

BILL SAMPLE

Bill Sample has been a force in the West Coast music scene for many years. A recent highlight of Bill's career includes playing on the 2008, Grammy-winning *Ratatouille* soundtrack. During his tenure as Music Director for *David Foster*, he worked with *Brian Adams*, *Celine Dion*, *Peter Cetera* and *Kenny Loggins*, to name a few. His recording credits include *Leon Bibb*, *Eric Bibb*, *Michelle Wright*, *Randy Bachman* and *Simple Plan*. He has also performed with *Ray Charles*, *Mel Torme*, and *Robben Ford*.

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.

In 2014, Bill and playwright *Bob Sarti* were awarded the Ovation Award for Best New Work, for *The Raymur Mothers*, a musical.

Currently, Bill is busy launching his new band *Wild Blue Herons* featuring *Darlene Ketchum* on vocals, as well as continuing to work with *The Bill Sample Trio* and *The Marcus Mosely Chorale*.

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