

Music Bio for Bob Wills

Mr. Wills has had a long career in music, for the past several years in Maui Hawaii but originally in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota. Bob has been a member of the Minnesota Opera, Minnesota Chorale, and the Edgewater Eight. He has been the music director for the Minneapolis JCC Orchestra, the Nativity Choir, Maternity of Mary Choir, the St. Paul Community Orchestra and the 3M Women's Chorus. Bob has also been a church music director for 38 years.

His baritone solo and conducting career has given him the opportunity to give five concert tours of Europe including conducting twice by invitation at the Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican and concerts in Dublin, Rome, Assisi, Venice, Vienna, Munich, Lucerne and Jerusalem.

Mr. Wills has appeared as soloist for the opening concert of the Sixth World Choral Symposium with Minnesota Orchestra, Chanticleer and Harlem Boys' Choir.

Bob has also appeared as a soloist with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Duluth Symphony, Austin Symphony, Rochester Symphony Orchestra, and the Minnesota Music Fest.

As a music director for theatrical productions, he has been the music director for *Matilda* the Musical, *The King and I*, *Spirit of the Iao* (80th anniversary of the Historic Iao Theater), *The Sound of Music* and *Annie* with Maui On Stage.

As a musical theater performer he has performed the roles of Billy in *Carousel*, Lancelot in *Camelot*, Sky in *Guys & Dolls*, El Gallo in *The Fantasticks*, Nicely Nicely in *Guys and Dolls*, Warbucks in *Annie*, George in *La Cage Aux Folles*, Narrator/Mysterious Man in *Into The Woods*

Bob was the winner of the 2009 Hawaii Public Radio Art song Festival where he sang the Mahler *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen*

He sings in English, Latin, German, Italian, Spanish, French. Some experience in Russian, Polish, Hebrew, Arabic and even ancient Mayan!

He is the founder and director emeritus of The Maui Chamber Orchestra and Chorus and the Summer Maui Masterworks Festival Chorus

Bob holds his master's and bachelor's degrees from the University of Saint Thomas in Saint Paul, Minnesota

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