

The Life and Songs of Johnny Mercer **Jeepers Creepers**

The scholar and the singer onstage together bring Johnny Mercer's life and songs alive in a show of stories and his music.

Jeepers Creepers tells the stories of Mercer's tormented but glorious life and career, exploring the connections between his turbulent life and his numerous hit songs.



Jeepers Creepers is a show based on Philip Furia's book, **Skylark: The Life and Times of Johnny Mercer**, and on Banu Gibson's CD, **Banu Gibson Sings Johnny Mercer**.

Featured songs include **Skylark, Moon River, Blues in the Night, One for My Baby, Lazy Bones, I Thought About You, Hooray for Hollywood, Too Marvelous for Words, I Remember You**, among others.

Banu Gibson brought in the Millennium with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops. She and her band performed at the Hollywood Bowl with John Mauceri conducting the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, and appeared on Garrison Keillor's award-winning NPR series, **A Prairie Home Companion**. She is also highlighted in Charles Kuralt's book, **Charles Kuralt's America**. Banu and her band, New Orleans Hot Jazz, regularly tour throughout the U.S. and Europe.



Philip Furia is the author of **Skylark, the Life and Times of Johnny Mercer; Irving Berlin: A Life in Song; Ira Gershwin: the Art of the Lyricist; and Poets of Tin Pan Alley: A History of America's Great Lyricists**. Furia was recently featured on the PBS six-part series, **Broadway: the American Musical**. He teaches at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

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