

Moon River: The Life & Music of Johnny Mercer

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It's a safe bet that everyone in the country has heard a Johnny Mercer song, even if they don't know much about the man and his music. A legend among American composers, he won four Academy Awards for "Best Song" and was nominated 19 times, more than any other composer.

A favorite son of Savannah and the Lowcountry, Mercer wrote lyrics for over 1,500 songs from the 1930's through the 1960's, including such hits as "That Old Black Magic," "Moon River," "Satin Doll," "Come Rain or Come Shine" and "Autumn Leaves," to name just a few. His classic "Skylark," with music by Hoagy Carmichael, became the theme song for the Savannah-based hit movie, "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil."

Two outstanding jazz, swing and blues singers will provide a night full of musical variety and history in their Johnny Mercer tribute: Terry Herron (below), a music producer and singer from Hilton Head and Penney Lynn Smith (above) of The Sweetgrass Angels, the Swingtime Orchestra and her own jazz combo, a Beaufort resident. Together they will definitely bring the house down!

In addition to a surprising number of Mercer songs, the show will also feature a film

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