

## Johnny Rodgers

**Johnny Rodgers** is an internationally-celebrated singer-songwriter, pianist, Broadway star, and recording artist who is described by **Stephen Holden**, from **THE NEW YORK TIMES**, as an entertainer “that can’t be found anywhere else” with “fused elements of Billy Joel, Peter Allen and Johnny Mercer.”

Johnny dazzles audiences with his enthusiastic musical mélange of music to celebrate the “Legends of American Music” featuring classic favorites made popular by **Louis Armstrong, Ray Charles, Sam Cooke, Bill Withers, Elvis**, among others. With a tip of his hat to legendary songwriters like **Johnny Mercer** and **Hoagy Carmichael**, Johnny weaves audience favorites and a sprinkling of his award-winning original songs into his performance.

“Legends of American Music” is more than a mere concert. It is an experience, creating a unique synergy at every show. The show and educational workshops were conceived by the **Johnny Rodgers Band** and inspired while sharing American Music across the country and abroad throughout the Middle East, North Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Islands on multiple month long tours with the **U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs**. The show is produced by the world renowned Live Music Producer, **Tom Jackson Productions (Taylor Swift, Jordin Sparks, Jars of Clay)**.

Johnny has earned the famed **Nightlife, Bistro, and MAC Awards** for his outstanding performances at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Oak Room at the Algonquin Hotel, The Royal Room at The Colony Hotel Palm Beach, Feinstein’s at Loews Regency, 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y, Birdland Jazz Club, and other premiere venues. He has won the **Billboard** and The Great American Song Contests and the ASCAP Foundation Award for his songwriting.

**Liza Minnelli** recognized Johnny’s talent taking him on her world tour and then starring Johnny as Bob Williams in the Tony Award-winning *Liza’s At The Palace*, which now appears on PBS television. Johnny co-wrote the featured song “*I Would Never Leave You*” and is included on the show’s DVD release as well as the Grammy-nominated CD.

Johnny’s classic favorites like “*What A Wonderful World*”, “*Too Marvelous for Words*” and “*Ain’t No Sunshine*”, among others will be released on tour in 2012. All of his recorded albums feature the Johnny Rodgers Band including his debut CD, **Box of Photographs** with five award-winning songs, **Bound Together** and **Let’s Make A Date** which includes Johnny’s original title track duet with Liza Minnelli. “*The Best Of You In Me*” on the *Bound Together* album is available in a choral arrangement from **Hal Leonard Publishing**. In addition to **Liza Minnelli**, Johnny Rodgers has also performed and/or recorded with **Michael Feinstein, Randy Brecker, Tom Harrell, Stephen Schwartz, Susan Werner, Dave Koz, Clint Holmes, and Ann Hampton Callaway**, among others and is featured on the recordings; *The Maury Yeston Songbook, Hallways: The Songs of Carol Hall, and Jule Styne In Hollywood*.

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**Johnny Rodgers Band** was formed in New York City in 2003 and was awarded the 2011 Bistro Award for Outstanding Musical Group. During performance and workshop, they are masters at providing a guided tour of American Music to audiences around the world, introducing the blues, the piano-driven energy of rock and roll, to the supreme sophistication of jazz. This ensemble cultivates connections with their workshop audiences through performance, discussions, demonstrations, and exchange. The Johnny Rodgers Band has performed and recorded with artists such as **Liza Minnelli, Michael Feinstein, Randy Brecker, and Tom Harrell**, among others. This ensemble is featured on all of the Johnny Rodgers Band recordings, LML Music’s *In Good Company* as well as on the featured recordings that celebrate Maury Yeston and Jule Styne. The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) selected The Johnny Rodgers Band to interpret and perform the music of Billy Joel in a command performance for the “Piano Man” himself.

**Johnny Rodgers Band** is led by Johnny Rodgers on piano and vocals, Brian Glassman on bass, Joe Ravo on guitar, and Danny Mallon on drums, percussion, and vocals. “*The Genial Virtuosity... four fine artists whose admiration, affection, and respect for one another is apparent.*” - Alix Cohen, *WOMAN AROUND TOWN, New York*