

Rob Landes

For over 20 years, Rob Landes has delighted our Promenade Series patrons with his musical knowledge and skill on the piano.

Rob Landes began playing piano at age 3 and made his debut on the Art Linkletter House Party at age four, receiving applause and kudos from both Mr. Linkletter and Tommy Dorsey, who was a guest on the same broadcast. In the late 60's Landes was the keyboardist for the rock group Fever Tree, and since then has toured with Liza Mennelli and Marily Maye, conducted the Count Basie Orchestra and Buddy Rich Band, and been an active composer and church musician. He has been organist and artist in residence at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston since 1996.

Rob Landes began studying the piano at the age of three and made his "debut" on the Art Linkletter House Party program at the age of four. This appearance was greeted with great applause and kudos from Mr. Linkletter as well as Tommy Dorsey who was on the same broadcast.

A native Houstonian, his playing has taken him from the United States and Canada, to Norway and many parts of Europe. Landes is widely known as a pianist, organist, harpist, arranger, conductor and published composer. He is associated with six national publishers, including Hinshaw Publishers, Sacred Music Press, Alliance Music and Fred Bock Music. Compositions include:

Hinshaw Music Incorporated

America the Beautiful

Sing a Christmas Song

You've Gotta Have Friends

Best Friends

Fred Bock Music Company

Blessed is He

Sacred Music Press

The Peace of Christ

O Worship the Lord

MorningStar Music Publishers

Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place

God Be in My Head

Did You Hear the Music?

Peace I Leave with You

Magnificat

Alliance Music Publishers Inc.

Make A Joyful Noise Unto the Lord

Jazz Gloria

Images

Not I, But Christ

O Give Thanks to the Lord

Landes has collaborated with Dr. Sidney Berger for eight years in writing musicals for the Children's Theatre Festival at the University of Houston. They have written eight musicals, two of which have been published.

In the late 60s Landes was the keyboardist with the nationally known rock group fever tree.

They released four national albums and their music is still heard all over the world.

In 1994 a CD was released called The Best of fever tree and is on sale internationally.

The Rob Landes Trio is well known for performances in concert at Jones Hall,

The Wortham Theatre, The Tower Theatre, The Houston Jazz Festival, The Galveston Opera House as well as many supper clubs and hotels in Houston and around the country.

The Rob Landes Trio appeared weekly for three years on Channel 13's Good Morning Houston.

Landes has been musical director for many theatrical productions in Houston and was involved with Stepping Out, and Forever Plaid at the Alley Theatre.

He has been a faculty member of the Theatre Under The Stars' School of Musical Theatre.

He was musical director for the Junior League Charity Ball for three years.

Landes has served on the board of the University of Houston Alumni Association and has twice served as a panelist for the Cultural Arts Council of Houston.

Landes has done musical arrangements for Liza Minnelli and Marilyn Maye.

Landes traveled for several years with Maye as her pianist/conductor.

He conducted the Count Basie Orchestra and the Buddy Rich Band

in concert with Marilyn Maye in one of Rich's last concerts.

He is the pianist on two of Maye's albums.

Rob Landes was the organist at St. Philip Presbyterian Church for seven years and was their organist/choir director for two. He was associated with the music program at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Houston as assistant organist and has accompanied them to England twice where his choral and organ music has been performed at Westminster Abbey. He also accompanied the Maginnisinger Choral Group on their European tour which included a performance of Poulenc's Gloria at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Landes has been the Organist/Artist-in-Residence at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston since 1996. In addition to his duties as organist, he writes music for the choirs and produces musicals in the church's Rotunda Theatre.

Rob Landes has six CDs available. Three are live Rob Landes Trio performances:

The Rob Landes Trio, Live @ Ovation, Encore, and The Live Christmas Album.

His fourth CD is I Got Gershwin, Berlin, and Porter, a solo piano album.

Other solo piano CDs are Lift High the Cross and The Christmas Album.