

PETER MARSHALL BIOGRAPHY

PETER MARSHALL's career has demonstrated a versatility and flexibility that few entertainers or actors can show. He's been a big band singer, part of a comedy team, performed in the legitimate theatre, performed on the concert and nightclub circuit, both as a solo performer and for over ten years with a group he formed, Chapter 5, and appeared in movies and on television. He has, appropriately enough, been called the "complete entertainer."

PETER MARSHALL is probably best known as the five-time Emmy Award-winning host of some 5000 editions of the popular game show, "Hollywood Squares," over a period of more than 15 years. He then hosted the year-long event series on NBC-TV, "Fantasy," followed by another participation television show called "All-Star Blitz." His television exposure made him one of the most recognizable faces in America.

Born Pierre La Cock in Huntington, West Virginia, Peter made his entrance into show business as a band singer at the age of fifteen. While still a teen, he moved to New York City where he landed a job as a page for NBC.

Early in his career he joined forces with Tommy Noonan. With its emphasis on comedy, Noonan and Marshall were a perfect melding of talents. The team appeared in major nightclubs and theatres throughout the country and made a number of appearances on the "Ed Sullivan Show," which established them with television viewers nationally.

With the demise of Noonan and Marshall, he went to London and starred with Chita Rivera in "Bye-Bye Birdie." Peter's first starring role on Broadway was with Julie Harris in "Skyscraper" ... other musicals followed, such as "High Button Shoes," "Anything Goes," "Music Man," "42nd Street," and "La Cage Aux Folles." He also starred for two years in the National Touring Company of Neil Simon's "Rumors."

Although his musical career came quickly and easily to him, acting was always his goal and became a reality with his signing as a contract player at Twentieth Century Fox. Peter has guest-starred on all the major television series and appeared on several mini-series.

Peter does many "in house" corporate industrial videos...thanks to his deep resonant voice, excellent diction and the charm and warmth which is such a part of him. He has done these industrials for Home Shopping Network, Lincoln-Mercury, and the U.S. Dept of the Interior, among others.

Peter's love of big bands was reinforced when he hosted a series of 12 shows for the Disney Channel, "Big Bands From Disneyland."

Peter and his wife, Laurie are avid golfers and play whenever they get the chance. They have a lovely home in the San Fernando Valley furnished with antiques Peter has collected over the years from all parts of the world.

Although the success of "Hollywood Squares" side-tracked Peter's career as a singer...he enjoys singing most of all. His show includes a Big Band Medley, which is always an audience favorite. Peter recently fulfilled a life-long dream when he recorded a CD of wonderful standards at Capitol Records. This CD, PETER MARSHALL, BOY SINGER, is now available for purchase on Peter's website, boysinger.com, as is Peter's CD, "No Happy Endings" a tribute to Billie Holiday.

Peter has become one of the top personalities on Music Of Your Life! where he deejays for three hours on Sunday afternoons and three hours daily during the week.

Peter's book, "Backstage With The Original Hollywood Square," is now available in book stores and on Amazon.com as well as on his website www.boysinger.com.