

MATTHEW STRACHAN
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songwriter & composer

BIOGRAPHY

Matthew Strachan is a 12-time ASCAP Award-winning composer and songwriter. He began his career writing songs for a BBC drama series and continued composing media music throughout the 1990s gaining such diverse credits as THE DETECTIVES, THE WARD, QUESTION TIME, and the iconic soundtrack for WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE? which followed the show to over 100 countries.

In the early 2000s Matthew moved to Nashville where he wrote songs for recording artists, collaborating with writers such as Tom Kimmel, Don Henry and J. Fred Knobloch. Returning to England, he wrote music and lyrics for the stage musicals NEXT DOOR'S BABY and ABOUT BILL both of which were produced in London. He has also composed numerous incidental scores for acclaimed productions in London, the West End and regional theatres.

Matthew's music has been used in a number of movies including SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE, EXTRACT, ABOUT A BOY, and A KIND OF HUSH. He has released several albums of his own characterful songwriting and performs from time to time at London venues such as the St James Theatre and The Pheasantry. Matthew is also the creator of the comic fictional 1970s composer Klaus Harmony and his first novel for Simon & Schuster will be published in 2018.

His theme for WWI drama HOME FRONT can currently be heard at lunchtimes on Radio 4.

FILM

Mostly Dead /UKFilm.Co

Love Is a Four Letter Word Worth Seven Points /Boxfly Pictures

FILM & TV SOUNDTRACK

Eastenders /BBC1

Money /BBC

Extract /Miramax Films

Russell Howard's Good News /BBC

Slumdog Millionaire /Fox Searchlight

Millions /Fox Searchlight

About a Boy /Universal Pictures

The Sopranos /HBO

A Kind of Hush /First Film Company, Metrodome

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TELEVISION

Who Wants to Be a Millionaire 20th Anniversary Season /ITV

Goodnight Sweetheart (special) /BBC1

Who Wants to Be a Millionaire Season 9 /ABC TV

Super Millionaire /ABC TV

The Charm Offensive /ITV

Sketch Show Story /BBC1

Britain's Brainiest /ITV, Worldwide

The People Versus /ITV, Worldwide

Winning Lines /BBC1, CBS, Worldwide

Who Wants to Be A Millionaire? /ITV, ABC, Worldwide

Question Time (arr.) /BBC1

Car Wars /BBC1

Mind the Gap /ITV

Legends of Wimbledon /TWI

Food for Thought /Carlton Television

The Best and Worst Moments in Sport /TWI

The Jasper Carrott Trial /BBC1

Samsung World Sport Esprit /TWI

Dance Sport /TWI

Stefan Edberg at Wimbledon /TWI

Talking Telephone Numbers /ITV

The Ward /ITV

What's Cooking? /Carlton Television

Major Divot's Golf Guide /BBC

Bobby Davro Show /ITV

Scratchy & Co /ITV

Diggin' the Dancin' Queens /BBC2

The Detectives /BBC1

The Brian Conley Show /ITV

The Hypnotic World of Paul Mckenna /ITV

Boogie Outlaws /BBC2

RADIO

Home Front /BBC Radio 4

Ben-Hur /Focus on the Family - US Syndicated

The Gemini Apes /BBC Radio 4

The Jasper Carrott Trial /BBC Radio 2

Carrott's Comedy Choice /BBC Radio 2

Nobblers /BBC Radio 2

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THEATRE

The Roundabout /59E59 Theaters, New York
Twitstorm /Park Theatre
Dog Ends /Tabard Theatre
Acorn /Courtyard Theatre
The Roundabout /Park Theatre
The Man Called Monkhouse /Edinburgh Festival/National Tour
The Killing of Sister George /London Theatre Workshop
As Is /Trafalgar Studios
Passing By /Tristan Bates Theatre
As Is /Finborough Theatre
Yours for the Asking /Orange Tree Theatre
Hungry Ghosts /Orange Tree Theatre
The Promise /Orange Tree Theatre
The Making of Moo /Orange Tree Theatre
Last Train to Nibroc /Orange Tree Theatre
Happy Birthday Dear Alice /Orange Tree Theatre
The Lodger /Theatre Royal Windsor
The Fly /OFS Studio Oxford
The Good Woman of Setzuan /Orange Tree Theatre
Mad Dog Killer Leper Fiend /Man in the Moon/Edinburgh
The Simpleton of the Unexpected Isles /Orange Tree Theatre

MUSICAL THEATRE

The White Feather /Union Theatre
About Bill /Landor Theatre
Silk /Orange Tree Theatre workshop
Next Door's Baby /Orange Tree Theatre
The Rink (musical director) /Orange Tree Theatre
Flora The Red Menace (musical director) /Orange Tree Theatre

ADS / IDENTS / PROMOS / PRODUCTION MUSIC / GAMES

Dolce & Gabbana 'Velvet' /Spear Music
Cadbury 'Single Sensations' /Fallon - Composed through GOLDSTEIN
Spear Production Music
Son of A Gun /I Fight Bears
Fist of Awesome (producer) /I Fight Bears
Celador Films Theme /Celador Films
Laureus World Sport Awards TV Promo /Celador Productions
Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? /Sony Playstation, Eidos Interactive
Nissan Primera 'William Tell' /TWBA
John Smiths Bitter 'No Nonsense Man' /TBWA

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Atmosphere Catalogue /BMG Zomba
Moods Catalogue /Golden Break Music
Legoland 'Legoland News' /BMP DDB

SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY

A Quiet Place I've Waited /Nono Records
Serious Men /Lonely Goat Records
Bertók Freitégz – Fervus I (Horror Music) /HarmonSink Corps
J. Fred Knobloch – Hear Here /J. Fred Knobloch Music
Perfect World Now Possible /Nono Records
As Is & Passing By (Original Scores) /Nessus Records
Live At The St James Theatre /Nono Records
25 Year Songbook Part II /Nono Records
25 Year Songbook /Nono Records
About Bill (Original Recording) /Nessus Records
Catherine Porter – Journeyman /Nono Records
Klaus Harmony – Oeuvre Series (1-6) /HarmonSink Corps
Next Door's Baby (2006 Cast Recording) /Nessus Records
Sulcer Evans Band – Devil's in the Details /Neon Nite Records
Even Warren Beatty /Nono Records
Who Wants to Be a Millionaire Soundtrack /Celador Records
Fallen Angels /Nono Records
Toy Story Sing Along /Walt Disney Records
The Rock Serious Electric Roadshow /Nono Records

AWARDS

ASCAP 32nd Annual Awards /Hall Of Fame Award, London
ASCAP 31st Annual Awards /Most Performed TV Theme, London
ASCAP 30th Annual Awards /Most Performed TV Theme, London
ASCAP 29th Annual Awards /Most Performed TV Theme, London
ASCAP 28th Annual Awards /Most Performed TV Theme, London
ASCAP 27th Annual Awards /Most Performed TV Theme, London
ASCAP 26th Annual Awards /Most Performed TV Theme, London
ASCAP 25th Annual Awards /Most Performed TV Theme, London
ASCAP 24th Annual Awards /Most Performed TV Theme, London
ASCAP 17th Annual Film & TV Awards /Top TV Theme, Los Angeles
ASCAP 16th Annual Film & TV Awards /Top TV Theme, Los Angeles
ASCAP 20th Annual Awards /Most Performed TV Theme, London