

## Joseph Curiale

### A Brief Biography

Three-time *CNN Hero* nominee, and an Emmy Award-nominated composer, arranger, and producer of music for film, TV, and audio recordings, with twenty-six years experience in Hollywood, Joseph Curiale has worked with more than 100 artists, such as Michael Jackson, Janet Jackson, Ray Charles, Little Richard, Santana, Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., and opera star Kathleen Battle, and, in a variety of capacities, has worked with most all the major Hollywood film companies. The first staff songwriter in Columbia Pictures' history, with an exclusive six-year contract, he also composed, arranged, and produced music for nearly 100 TV shows, popular recordings, and such hit movies as Steve Martin's *Roxanne*, receiving the first of several gold and platinum records for his contribution to the #1 motion picture soundtrack, *Breakin' (Breakdance)*, which introduced break dancing to the world.

In 1995, Joseph recorded his first symphonic composition, *Gates of Gold* with The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and in 1997 released his first CD entitled, *Awakening*. Greatly encouraged by the support of National Public Radio, and the continual requests of its listeners, *Joy* and *Gates of Gold* have become modern American standards, which inspired Curiale to complete a second CD, *The Music of Life*, featuring the London Symphony and Royal Philharmonic Orchestras, as well as soloists from China and Japan. The third release of the *Awakening* CD features a bonus track of Joseph's composition, *Blue Windows*, performed by Doc Severinsen and The Academy of Saint Martin in the Fields, with the composer conducting.

Prior to his earning a PhD in Music Composition at the University of Minnesota, and PhD work in American Studies at the University of Kansas (History of Rock and Roll and Popular Culture), Curiale earned a Masters of Music Composition degree from the University of Nebraska, where he taught the History of Rock and Roll, and World Music. The recordings, which he composed and produced for his PhD dissertation project feature multiple Grammy Award winning soloists, Jimmy Haslip and Russell Ferrante of the fusion band, *Yellowjackets*, Mike Miller of *Chick Corea's Elektric Band*, Alphonso Johnson of *Weather Report*, and drummer John Densmore, of *The Doors*. Joseph is currently composing and producing new music with Jon Anderson, the lead singer and songwriter of the legendary British Progressive Rock super group, *YES*. Currently, Joseph is a Lecturer at LaSalle College of the Arts in Singapore where he teaches Pop Music History, Music Production, Music Business, and courses in popular music performance.

Since 2006, The Joseph Curiale Foundation has been bringing relief to the widows and orphaned children affected by the mass of farmer suicides in India, and now includes aid to the Philippines. A New Delhi Television (NDTV) documentary film, *Sowing Hope*, was broadcast worldwide in honor of his humanitarian efforts in India. And his books, *The Spirit of Creativity*, and *The Wisdom of Creativity*, are insightful and inspiring guides to exploring, unlocking, and honoring the creative spirit in everyone.