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STEVE WRIGHT **Composer**

Steve Wright was Head of Music and principal composer at Phil Redmond's Mersey Television and Lime Pictures before leaving in 2007 to concentrate on his in demand career as a film composer. His first commission was from LA Productions to score the Jimmy McGovern created 5-part drama series **Moving On** for the BBC. Directed by Gary Williams, Illy, Richard Standeven and produced by Colin McKeown and McGovern, this will be repeated this year followed immediately by the new 10-part series, again featuring Steve's music.

Over the 22 years he worked with Phil Redmond, Steve wrote and produced all the music and songs for **Brookside**, **Grange Hill** and his theme and title music are still featured on **Hollyoaks**, which has been running for 15 years. His film credits for the companies included **The Lost Weekend**, **Double Take** and **Unfinished Business** as well as all the tv productions including **Waterfront Beat** (BBC); **Science Fiction** (ITV); and **The Courtroom**, **What Now**, **Damon & Debbie**, **Close Guide**, **And The Beat Goes On** – all for CH4. Other credits include **The New Shoes**, an award winning short at the Edinburgh Festival and a major orchestral piece for the opening ceremony of the **2009 Chinese/American Film Festival** in Hollywood.

When Phil Redmond and West End producer Bill Kenwright decided to turn **Grange Hill** into a stage musical they turned to Steve for all the songs and score and the show opened at the Queen's Theatre in Hornchurch. He later provided the music for **Terriers**, an anti-gun play which toured schools throughout Liverpool, reaching an audience of 20,000 and has become part of the English schools curriculum.

Much of the music for the Mersey Productions and Lime Pictures shows were released on cds and produced by Steve, including **The Grange Hill Album** and **You Know The Teacher** both on BBC Records. The **Brookside** theme was recorded many times on lots of different compilations. He also wrote and produced the single **Talk To Me**, the theme song for **Damon & Debbie**, a spin off from Brookside.

Born and brought up in Liverpool, Steve got his first guitar at seven and at 16 was in The Chris Carma Road Show supporting Motown artists Charlie & Inez Fox, The Crystals and others. He moved on to Pepperbox and toured Scandinavia and Germany with them playing lead guitar. He started session work at 21 and was also in the resident band at The Cavern Club supporting all the major acts that played there. He formed his own band, Faster Faster, and played all the major clubs including London's Marquee, Dingwalls and Nashville Rooms. Coming back to Liverpool to work as the composer on Brookside, he joined the big band at the city's leading venue The Grafton. His current band is The Blues Gang and after a storming performance at the International Guitar Festival of Great Britain in 2007, when time permits they headline on the blues circuit.

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STEVE WRIGHT'S CREDITS INCLUDE

Films

THE LOST WEEKEND (Mersey Television/Polygram) Prod. Ric Mellis
Dir. Jeremy Summers
DOUBLE TAKE (Mersey Television/Universal) Prod. Phil Redmond
Dir. Jeremy Summers
UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Mersey Film/Fremantle Media) Prod. Nicky Higgins
Dir. Adrian Vitoria
THE NEW SHOES (Mersey Television/Puma) Prod./ Dir. Colin McKeown

Television

BROOKSIDE (Mersey Television/C4) Prod. Phil Redmond 1982-2003, 2915 eps.
HOLLYOAKS (Mersey Television/Lime Pictures/C4) Prod. Phil Redmond
1995 ongoing - 2865 eps.
MOVING ON – series 1, 5 eps (LA Productions/BBC) Prods. Colin McKeown
& Jimmy McGovern Dirs. Gary Williams, Illy, Richard Standeven
MOVING ON – series 2, 10 eps (LA Productions/BBC) Prods. Colin McKeown
& Jimmy McGovern Dirs. Gary Williams, Len Gowing, Illy, Dominic West,
Julia Ford, Noreen Kershaw, Ian Barber, Pauline Harris, Peter Fearon
WATERFRONT BEAT – 8 eps (Mersey Television/BBC) Prod. Phil Redmond
Dirs. Rob Gabriel, A. J. Quinn, Chris Lovett, Brian Morgan,
THE COURTROOM – 39 eps (Mersey Television/C4) Prod. Phil Redmond
& David Hanson Dirs. Chris Corcoran, Chris Jury,
Craig Lines, Jeff Naylor, Michael Kerrigan, David Richardson,
DAMON AND DEBBIE 3x eps. (Mersey Television/C4) Prod. Phil Redmond
& Colin McKeown Dir. Bob Carlton
AND THE BEAT GOES ON 8x eps. (Mersey Television/C4) Prod. Phil Redmond
& Mal Young Dirs. Jeremy Summers, Chris Bernard, Ken Horn
DREAM KITCHEN (North South Partnership/C4) Prod. Colin McKeown
& Martin Tempia Dir. Jonnie Turpey
WHAT NOW (Mersey Television/C4) Prod. Colin McKeown Dir. Phil Redmond
CLOSE GUIDE (Mersey Television/C4) Prod. Phil Redmond
DOORSTEP DIY (Mersey Television/Sky) Prod. Lee Hardman
SCIENCE FICTION SERIES (Mersey Television/ITV) Prod. Mal Young

Records

"SOUNDWAVES" (Album) L'Orchestre Electronique - Nouveau Music
"BROOKSIDE THEME" various compilation albums
"GRANGE HILL THE ALBUM" Cast Of Grange Hill - BBC Records
"YOU KNOW THE TEACHER" (Single) Cast Of Grange Hill - BBC Records
"TALK TO ME" (Single) Steve Wright, Dani Ali, Annabel Lamb - Ariola Records

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