

Barry Nickelsberg

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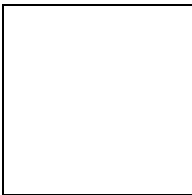
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Barry Nickelsberg has worked as a sign language artist for the deaf and hard of hearing for more than 30 years, and is well known in the Washington, D.C. area for his interpreting at such popular festivals as the Kennedy Center Open House, the Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival, the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival, the Adams Morgan Festival, the Washington Irish Festival, the Washington Folk Arts Festival, the Texas Festival and the Junteenth Festival at the Kennedy Center. Nickelsberg has also performed in a variety of venues in New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Boston, Ft. Lauderdale, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Atlanta and Oklahoma City.

As a sign language artist, Nickelsberg incorporates dance, mime, gesture and facial expression to convey the rhythm and emotion of the music. He is the subject of the 1988 award-winning documentary, "When Sound is Silent," produced by Ray and Judy Schmitt as well as their 1992 follow-up, "Sounds Like." Nickelsberg's work has been featured in *The Associated Press*, *The Washington Post*, *Mid-Atlantic Country*, Canadian Television, ABC News and National Public Radio.

Over the years, Nickelsberg has interpreted over 1,900 performances for a wide variety of musicals, including "Heart Strings", "American Jukebox", "Cabaret", "Sweeney Todd", "42nd Street", and "Jesus Christ Superstar." He has also worked with such legends as B.B. King, Etta James, Chuck Berry, Pete Seeger, Peter, Paul and Mary, Chubby Checker and Leslie Gore. Nickelsberg has also interpreted rap artists, gospel choirs, and Irish musicians.



Sampling of Other Performers Follows:

Big Bands

Dr. Scantlin and His
Imperial Palms
Starlight Orchestra

Blue Grass

Eddie Adcock and
Talk of the Town
Kenny Baker
Grassmatzz
Josh Graves
Johnson Mountain
Boys
Alison Krauss &
Union Station
Peter Rowan
Seldon Scene
Stars and Bars
Kevin Welsh
Max Wiseman

Blues

John Cephas
Henry Gray
Ron Halloway
Silas Hogan
John Jackson
Etta James
Guitar Kelly
B.B. King
Donal Leace
Taj Mahal
Walter Rhodes
Linwood Taylor Band
Debra Tidwell
Barely White
Phil Wiggins

Country

Bellamy Brothers
Mark Brine
Marge Calhoun
Mary Chapin Carpenter
Dixie Chicks
Melanie Griffith
Nancy Griffith
Ty Herndon
Mountain Laurel
Reba MacIntire
Frank Necessary
Collin Raye
Lynda Smith
The Texas Playboys
Cheryl Wheeler
Lari White

Claude Williams
Johnny Lee Wills & His
Country Swing Bank
Nimrod Workman

Folk

Eric Andersen
Buskin & Batteau
Greg Brown
Bill Danoff
Jonathan Edwards
Schooner Fare
Cathy Fink
Bob Gibson
Ronnie Gilbert
Steve Gillette
Red Grammer (with the Limelighters)
Dave Guard (with Kingston Trio)
Arlo Guthrie
Hard Travellers
Hazelwood
Carolyn Hester
Ann Hills
John Jennings
Si Kahn
Pete Kennedy
Fred Koller
Christine Lavin
Rick and Lorraine Lee
The Limelighters
Rod MacDonald
Magpie
Mandela
Dave Mallett
David Massingill
The Chad Mitchell Trio
Holly Near
Terra Nova
Tom Paxton
Peter, Paul and Mary
Sally Rogers and Howie Burson
Tom Rush
Pete Seeger
Peggy Seeger and Ewen McCall
The Shaw Brothers
Side By Side
Fred Small
Claudia Schmidt
The Smith Sisters
Richard Thompson
Cheryl Wheeler

Kate Wolf
Peter Yarrow

Gospel

Choral Arts Society of Washington
The Howard University Choir
St. Theresa of Avila Gospel Choir
Texas Gospel Choir
Donald Vails
Bethel Korean
Presbyterian Church Choir
First Korean Baptist Church
McKinley Senior High
School Concert Choir
Wesley Boyd & the
Total Experience
Fairfield Four
Doc McKenzie and the
Gospel Highlights
Mathew McClarety
Arlene Mills and Ultra Sound
Ott Family
Zion Travellers

Irish

Celtic Thunder
Pat Garvey
The Irish Breakdown
Jimmy Keane
Mick Maloney
Robbie O'Connell
Tommy Sands

Jazz

Charlie Bird
The Dave Bromberg Quartet
The Buck Hill Quartet
with Pam Bricker
John Jackson
Lisa Thorson

Opera

Sweeny Todd
Three Penny Opera
Jesus Christ Superstar

Rap

Grand Master Nel/Punk
Funk Nation

Grand Masters of Funk
International Playgirls

Rock 'n Roll

Angels
The Association
Aztec Two Step
Lee Andrews & The Hearts
Adam Ant
Johnny Artis
Jimmy Beaumont & The Skyliners
Archie Bell
Chuck Berry
Betty
Gary U.S. Bonds
Karla Bonoff
Bowser (Sha na na)
Charlie Brown
John Cafferty (Beaver Brown Band)
Freddie (Boom Boom) Cannon
Jon Carroll
Chubby Checker
Lou Christie
The Coasters
The Contours
The Crystals
Danny and the Juniors
Ron Dante (the Archies)
Spencer Davis
Jimmy Diamond & the Jim Steed
Band
Dion
The Drifters
The Dynettes
Eddie from Ohio
The Embers
Fighting Gravity
Loose Fish
Frankie Ford
Andrey Fox Project
Nick Gilder
Grass Roots
Leslie Gore
Ronnie Hammond (Atlanta Rhythm Section)
Richie Havens
Larry Hoppen (Orleans)
The Impressions
Jan & Dean
Jay & the Americans
Davie Jones (the Monkeys)
Pete Kennedy and
Bound for Glory
Greg Kihn Band

Andy Kim
Billy J. Kramer
Gary Lewis & the Playboys
Alex Ligertwood (Santana)
Mark Lindsay (Paul Revere and the Raiders)
Taj Mahal
Mamas & the Papas
The Marvelettes
Sam Moore (Sam & Dave)
Graham Nash
 (Crosby, Stills
 Nash & Young)
Aaron Neville
New Emage (acappella)
Neighbors Complaint (acapella)
Peter Noone (Herman's Hermits)
The Orioles
Bill Pickney & the Original Drifters
Lloyd Price
Gary Puckett & the Union Gap
Pure Water (acappella)
Shirley Alston Reeves (Shirelles)
The Roaches
Tommy Roe
Root Boy Slim
Mike Reno (Lover Boy)
Peter Rowan
Scanner Boys (break dancers)
Second Conspiracy
Seduction
Ronnie Spectar
Southside Johnny &
The Asbury Jukes
The Tokens
Pat Travers
Joe Lee Turner (Rainbow and Deep Purple)
The Tymes
Bobby Vee
Vic Vicious
Jesse Winchester

