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By Jon Charles

Emmy Winner and *American Idol* Orchestrator

At your Next Party...Present that special Guest of Honor, Birthday Boy or Girl, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Bride, Groom, or Anniversary Couple with their very own song.

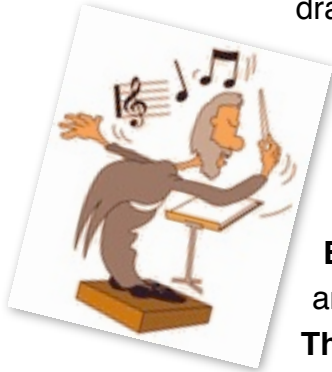
About Your Song

Tell Jon about the occasion, the audience, the honoree, and the era and style of music they most enjoy. He will write an unforgettable song to commemorate the occasion. You will receive sheet music and your choice of a multi-track recording with vocals, an instrumental karaoke track, or a live performance.

About Your Song Writer

Emmy Award winning arranger, composer, and lyricist Jon Charles was born and raised in New York and attended the School of

Performing Arts (*Fame!*) and Indiana University. His studies were interrupted when he was drafted, whereupon he served in a number of United States Army bands as a drummer/percussionist/arranger. Upon his return to New York, Jon served as music coordinator and chief arranger for **The Dick Cavett Show**.



In 1974, Jon moved to California where he wrote arrangements for **Doc Severinsen's Tonight Show Band**, **Louie Bellson's Big Band Explosion**, and **The Carol Burnett Show**. He's had a long association as an arranger/orchestrator with **The Grammy Awards**, **A Capitol Fourth**, and **The Kennedy Center Honors**. TV series he's orchestrated for include **Homefront** and **Picket Fences**. Movies he's orchestrated for include **The Jerk**, **Racing with the Moon**, **Falling in Love**, **The Fabulous Baker Boys**, **Clean Slate**, **Forrest Gump**, and **Selena**.

A few of the many singers for whom Jon has arranged are: **Julie Andrews**, **Louis Armstrong**, **Fred Astaire**, **Judy Garland**, **Janis Joplin**, **Michael McDonald**, **Groucho Marx**, **Frank Sinatra**, **The Pointer Sisters**, **The Three Sopranos**, **Annie Lennox**, **Rufus Wainwright**, **Dr. Seuss**, and **Kermit the Frog**. He served as music director of the **Sha-Na-Na** television show for four years and contributed symphonic accompaniment for their concert act.

Jon is a **past President** and current Board Member of the **American Society of Music Arrangers and Composers**. Since 2005, he has worked as an orchestrator for hit TV series **American Idol**.

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