



A Gary Chase has made a career in the performing arts, including radio, TV, music performance, music production and movies.

Born and raised in Saint John, NB, Gary received a music degree from Mount Allison University in 1973, with a major in Cello. Mr. Chase entered a career in broadcasting, writing and producing news for radio and Television. He also was a news announcer on TV and Radio. Since 1981 Mr. Chase has owned and managed The Voice Factory, a communications company in Saint John, NB. (www.voicefactory.nb.ca)

In 2002 Mr. Chase co-produced *The Marco Polo*, a folk opera, at the Imperial Theatre in Saint John. Composed by Jim Stewart, the performance featured many well known Maritime performers and Canadian TV personality, R.H. Thomson (*Road To Avonlea*)

Mr. Chase also enjoys a career in music performance with maritime Rock 'n Roll show band, *Donnie And The Monarchs*. (www.DonnieandtheMonarchs.com)

Formed in Saint John N.B. nearly 20 years ago, Donnie and The Monarchs has become known internationally through the large number of events where they have been featured, playing events in Eastern Canada, and into the US.

Over their career The Monarchs have worked with such performers as *The Beach Boys*, *Tiny Tim*, *Freddy Cannon*, *Bobby Day*, *Tommy Roe*, *The Coasters*, *Michelle Wright*, *Tommy Hunter*, *John Allen Cameron*, and *the Rankin Family*.

Lately the group has added the movie business to their credits, cast as the wedding band in ***Piggy Bank Blues*** . The movie stars American funny lady Jane Curtin (3rd Rock From The Sun) Canadian comedy queen Mary Walsh (22 Minutes), and fellow Canadian actress Sheila McCarthy (Emily of New Moon). Shot in Saint John, NB and Montreal, the movie also stars Patrick McKenna, best known as Harold on the Red Green Show and Peter MacNeil of CTV's newsroom drama, The Eleventh Hour. Piggy Bank Blues is based on Quebec playwright Michel Tremblay's play Les Belles Soeurs.

Education:

Saint John High School – 1969

Mount Allison University - Bachelor of Music – 1973

Credits:

Music Director, Donnie & The Monarchs (Since 1982)

Co-Producer, Marco Polo Suite CD (1993)

Co-Producer, Musical Director Marco Polo Folk Opera (2002)

Actor – Piggy Bank Blues (2003)

Extra – Jericho Mansion (2002)

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