

# *lou pomanti music*

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**Gemini** award winner **Lou Pomanti** is one of Canada's most accomplished composers, musicians, and musical directors. Lou's original music and performances are featured on soundtracks and recordings heard all over the world.

Lou studied music at Humber College in Toronto in the Jazz Program. He was the recipient of The Duke Ellington Scholarship Award for Arranging.

In 1980 Lou received a call from David Clayton-Thomas to join the seminal jazz rock group **Blood, Sweat and Tears** and toured the world. It began a decades long association that culminated in 2010 with Lou producing DCT's new CD "Soul Ballads" for Universal Records.

1983 saw the beginning of Lou's session career as the #1 top call pianist/synthesist in Toronto. His playing and arranging has enhanced the recordings of **Michael Buble**, **Gordon Lightfoot** and **Anne Murray**; as well as Rock's **Kim Mitchell** and **Triumph**. His record credits are a "Who's Who" of the Canadian recording industry.

The mid 90s saw his emergence as a prominent TV and Film composer, which continues to this day. The list of credits is too long to include here, with shows on CBC, CTV, Global, HBO, Showtime, HGTV, and many more.

The 90s also saw Lou's emergence as one of the country's top Musical Directors. Lou was the MD for the **Canadian Songwriter's Hall of Fame** ( 6 times), The **Gemini Awards** ( 7 times ) , the **Genie Awards** ( 5 times ) and the **Junos**. Lou has written and MD'ed music for **James Taylor**, **Herbie Hancock**, **Leonard Cohen** and Michael Buble to name a few. Lou received his Gemini award for arranging and conducting "Both Sides Now" for **Joni Mitchell's** induction. Lou also MD'ed the CBC TV show "**Hockey Night in Canada Anthem Challenge**" with megaproducer **Bob Rock** which found a new hockey anthem for Canada. He also conducted the orchestra for the CBC's "**How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria**" on live nationwide TV.

Most recently, Lou arranged the orchestra for Michael Buble's smash hit "**Haven't Met You Yet**", which has sold over 7 million copies worldwide. He is currently at work on Michael Buble's new CD due out later in 2013.

Lou was proud to have composed the music for the 2011 **Pan Am Games** Handover Ceremony in Guadalajara, an 8-minute suite for multimedia.

In 2012, the City of Toronto named a street after Lou to honour his accomplishments. See it at

<https://maps.google.ca/maps?q=Lou+Pomanti+Street,+Toronto,+ON&hl=en&sl=43.656877,-79.32085&sspn=0.701451,1.674042&oq=lou+pomanti&hnear=Lou+Pomanti+St,+Toronto,+Toronto+Division,+Ontario+M9M+0C3&t=m&z=16>