

FACULTY PROFILE



Billy Foster

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Biography

Billy Foster, is a respected pianist, composer, educator, and producer, and has been the jazz piano instructor at Valparaiso University since 1979. He has conducted many jazz clinics, lectures, and educational performances on campus, in the region, and beyond. Mr. Foster received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Defiance College and a Master of Music Degree from Roosevelt University, with additional study at New York University. He retired after 37 years as a school music teacher in the Gary Public School System. He served on the advisory panel of the Indiana Arts Commission for three years. Mr. Foster has written and produced recordings with both "Billy Foster and Audio" and with "The Billy Foster Trio." He is a featured soloist on two of guitarist Henry Johnson's albums for MCA Records. His work as pianist and composer with the VU Faculty Jazz Trio can be heard on the recording *For the Moment*, produced by VUCA Media. He has also written and produced music for several television commercials in the Chicago area. His weekly radio show on WGVE, 88.7 FM in Gary has received excellent reviews.

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