



The Miss Virginia Organization wants to extend a special “Thank You” to Mrs. Phyllis Wayne, the wife of the late Bernie Wayne, who composed the signature “There She Is, Miss America” theme song, for allowing us to use her husband’s beautiful music.

Mr. Wayne has often been described as a “Renaissance Man”, for his musical achievements over the years. One musicologist researched and reported that the three most famous American songs are “The Star Spangled Banner”, “God Bless America”, and “There She is, Miss America”!

One of his all-time song hits is the haunting “Blue Velvet”, made famous by Bobby Vinton. A poll of 54 critics in an issue of The American Film magazine, rated the David Lynch film, “Blue Velvet”, #3 of the ten best films of the Eighties. A new recording with Tony Bennett and K.D. Lang is scheduled to be released very soon!

Mr. Wayne’s “Laughing On the Outside, Crying On the Inside”, “You Walk By”, and “Sentimental Music” have certainly stood the test of time, and have been recorded by Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, Tony Bennett, Aretha Franklin, Ella Fitzgerald, Sammy Davis, Jr., Nelson Riddle, Nat “King” Cole, and other icons of the recording world.

Film buffs have heard his songs in “Viva Las Vegas”, “Raging Bull”, “Our Man Flint”, “A Patch of Blue”, “Les Liaisons Dangerousness”, and “The Freshman”.

Mr. Wayne had many longtime friends in the Miss Virginia Pageant family over the years, including Harvey Hudson from Richmond. His wife graciously says “Bernie had many friends among the pageant system, but none has tried and true as those in Virginia and Wisconsin”.

Thank you, Mrs. Wayne, for allowing us to keep your husband’s legacy alive in our program!