

BIO FOR RICHIE PHILLIPS

Richie Phillips is a former Long Island schoolteacher who traded in his **blackboard** for a **keyboard** back in the early 80s. When the final spitball bounced off his forehead, he decided to pursue a musical career, first as a conference entertainer before landing a gig as the in-house "piano man" at Albany 's prestigious **21 Club**. It what there - playing 6 nights a week for over 8 years- where he honed his craft as keyboardist/singer and later as writer/performer of memorable satirical song parodies on every conceivable subject.



Persistence eventually helped him bring his talents to morning radio as a cohost at a well-known oldies station in the Capital Region, WTRY. He was instrumental in helping to take that program to the top of the ratings before leaving to join 50,000 watt powerhouse **WGNA FM** in 1988.

Hard to believe, but Richie remained at 'GNA for a staggering 29 years. In fact in 2000 The "**Sean and Richie Show**" won a national **CMA** award for best morning radio program!

Besides writing and performing his well known funny parody songs on and off air, he developed a school songwriting program – the "**Rhyming With Richie**" **Tour**. For the past 20 years he has traveled to area elementary schools creating tunes that reinforce good character traits. It continues to be huge hit in the communities he serves.

As a result, Richie added 2 NYS Broadcasters Awards and a citation from Sage Colleges and the School Administrators Association of New York to his trophy case for covering important topics such as bullying prevention.

Oh, and one more thing! He has recently added a new offering to his varied list of services: The **SONGS FOR SENIORS TOUR** - a fun, upbeat program incorporating

sing-a-longs, trivia contests, and his unique brand of musical satire for senior citizen centers.

OK, so how can **Richie** fit into your entertainment plans? He has vast experience as an extremely versatile Emcee, musical host, DJ, stand-up "keyboard comic" and or entertainer (piano bar style). **He can even write a customized song about members of your organization!** You can find out more at www.rhymrichie.com.

They don't call him **Rhym' Richie** for nothing!

