

Billy Novick Bio

Billy Novick has had a whirlwind career in music for over 40 years as a performing artist, studio musician, arranger and composer. As a performer, he has impressed audiences throughout North America, Europe and Asia with his soulful, lyrical jazz clarinet and sax,. His musical collaboration with guitar wizard Guy Van Duser has resulted in frequent appearances on the **Prairie Home Companion** radio show and a feature-length interview on NPR's "All Things Considered.". In 1986, Mr. Novick joined the internationally-acclaimed New Black Eagle Jazz Band, and continues to perform with them.

He has recorded fourteen albums under his own name, and, as a studio musician, has been featured as a sideman on more than 200 recordings and over 50 film soundtracks. His many film credits, as arranger or composer, include **Eight Men Out**, **Music of the Heart**, and **The Opposite of Sex** . Novick's jugband adaptation of **Peter and the Wolf** , with Dave Van Ronk narrating, premiered in New York's Lincoln Center .

He has composed extensively for modern dance, and his two full-length ballet scores, **The Great Gatsby** and **The Sun Also Rises**, debuted at the Kennedy Center to packed houses and rave reviews.