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Pianist, Grammy nominated composer, and Steinway Artist Joe Parillo, has performed in Brazil, Italy, Germany and New Zealand and has played nationally and internationally with the Glenn Miller Orchestra and vibraphonist Jay Hoggard. Mr. Parillo was invited as a featured artist for the Steinway Artists Celebration performing at Symphony Hall in Boston to honor the 150th Anniversary of Steinway and Sons.

He holds a master's degree in composition from New England Conservatory, has written and arranged music for theater and film. His most recent works have aired on WSBE-TV and the SciFi Channel's "First Wave." Mr. Parillo has been commissioned to write three jazz ballets and has arranged and recorded over twenty-five full-length children's productions. He has also produced "Songbook," "Clouds," and the compact discs "Almost Carefree" and "Block Island Summer" for his ensemble as well as the gospel CD "Meditations of the Heart." He has recorded two CD's with the Worcester based Sonic Explorers. Mr. Parillo's CDs "Angels Gather," "Morning in the Garden," and "Sandbox" are available through his own Neoga Records label.

Joe Parillo wrote and produced a master class CD, "Using Altered Scales to Create Improvisational Lines," for the July 1998 issue of JazzPlayer Magazine and he writes a jazz column for the quarterly Rhode Island Music Educators Review. Coordinator of the Rhode Island Music Educators high school jazz festival, Mr. Parillo has been Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Rhode Island for the past seventeen years. In the Fall of 2003 Mr. Parillo brought to fruition the Jazz Studies specialization under the B.A. Degree at the University, as well as the Jazz Studies minor. He has also held the role of Director of annual URI Jazz and World Music Festival consistently since 1993. Joe Parillo is a member of the BMI Lehman-Engel Music Theater Workshops in New York. He is currently President of the Rhode Island Chapter of the International Association of Jazz Educators and one of the 2004 recipients of the Steinway excellence award.