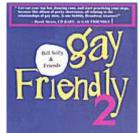
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1974 under the title 100 Miles From Nowhere), a newly revised Sweet William, Tent Show (Mrs Moses), Stars n Stripes (Starring in Alphabetical Order) and The Snow Queen. On his own Solly has written many musicals for children, The Cat in the Castle, The Three Magic Mushrooms, The Traveling Tree, The Story of Millicent, The Sleeping Beauty Musical and Mother Goose, and in New York he runs BSCT (the Bill Solly Childrens Theatre). Other New York credits include revues of his songs, Sollys Follies (also presented in Los Angeles) and Callbacks, two Christmas musicals written with Donald Ward, Santa and the Christmas Clowns and Christmas at the Zoo, a play, The Ruby Slippers (co-authored by Neil Kennedy), the 3-actor musical Girl Boyfriend Piano, and several cabaret shows in which he also appeared. As a performer he was in Zbigniev Rybczynskis PBS video Steps, and played the role of Ned Hammer in the world premiere of Charles Strouses one-act opera, The Future of the American Musical Theatre. He has written two novels, The Presence of Rain and Metro-Goldwyn-Murder, and has recently produced several CDs of his songs, including The Worlds in Rhyme, Bill Sollys Greatest Hits Volume 1, Sing Me, Greatest Hits Volume 2, Let Me Give You a Lift, Greatest Hits Volume 3, I Could Fall in Love, Greatest Hits Volume 4, and Gay Friendly which features songs about the experiences of gay men. His latest CD is Gay Friendly 2, a sequel to the latter album. Bill Solly is a member of ASCAP and the Dramatists Guild.

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