

Robert (Bob) McGrath

Mr. Bob McGrath is an American entertainer, author and humanitarian who has made a long-term commitment to Saskatchewan. A 1954 graduate of the University of Michigan's School of Music, he later earned a masters degree from the Manhattan School of Music in New York. Prior to joining the inaugural cast of iconic children's program *Sesame Street* in 1969, Mr. McGrath cultivated a successful international music career as a lyric tenor.

Mr. McGrath was the featured male soloist for the NBC *Sing Along With Mitch* television program, and was a Japanese teen sensation known as "Bobu Magulas". In his 43 years entertaining and educating children as resident music teacher "Bob" on *Sesame Street*, he has recorded eight children's albums, selling over 500,000 copies worldwide. He has authored two best-selling books and a creative music curriculum for educators. Since 1977, he has volunteered his time to host the children's fundraiser *Telemiracle* 35 times, with the 36th slated for this year.

In addition to this commitment to charity in Saskatchewan, Mr. McGrath has appeared with more than 100 symphony orchestras in the USA and Canada, hosted the *Universal Children's Day at the United Nations*, and has hosted *Variety*, *The Children's Charity Telethon* in Vancouver and *The Children's Charity Telethon* in New York for 35 and 10 years respectively. Mr. McGrath's many selfless contributions and achievements have resulted in multiple awards and honours, including the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal presented by the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan in 2006.

Mr. McGrath and his wife, Ann, recently celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. Together they have five children and eight grandchildren.