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Review

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About the Author

Fred Karlin won an Oscar for Best Song for "For All We Know." an Emmy for his score for *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*, and numerous other industry awards. He is the author of *Listening to Movies* (1994).

The late **Rayburn Wright** created the Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media Masters Program at the Eastman School of Music of the University ofRochester and erved as director and professor of the department from 1970 until his death in 1990.

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