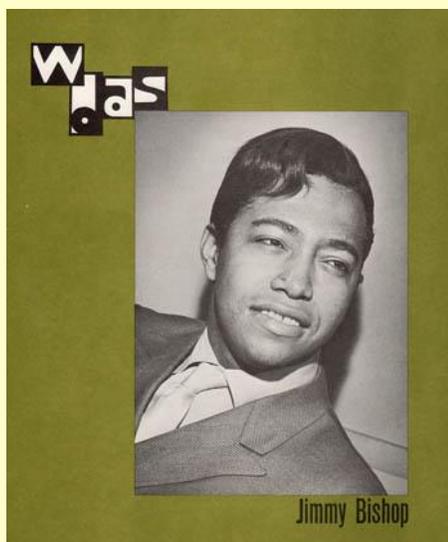


## Jimmy Bishop Bio from [WDASHistory.org](http://WDASHistory.org)



WDAS-AM Publicity Shot circa 1968  
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**The golden ear of Jimmy Bishop** and his ability to build and program a radio station's overall sound combined to make him one of the most powerful talents in the broadcast industry and a leading reason WDAS Radio became the powerhouse that it did. His rich and sonorous speaking voice exactly matched the strength of his radio vision and skills for programming excellence.

Bishop came to WDAS from KATZ-AM in St Louis, Missouri where he was their number one-rated DJ. His legendary work sculpting the sound of WDAS was equaled by his top-rated evening-drive program "The Jimmy Bishop Go Show." His leadership and business acumen led 'DAS management to name him Program Director and then Vice President of Programming.

Bishop's talent was discovered by his former wife, WDAS Radio legend Louise Williams Bishop who provided his initial radio training. An ordained Baptist minister, Reverend Bishop, is a member of the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives and shared these thoughts:

"It's important to remember how many recording acts Bishop gave their first hit records. Over and over he was the first to break records by the Jackson 5, The Temptations, The Supremes, James Brown, The Marvelettes, Stevie Wonder, so many of the biggest acts in the country. And he had such a one of a kind voice, the richness and timbre of it can never be imitated and will never be duplicated. "

Bishop was also a record producer, guiding the hits of the Soul Survivors, Honey and the Bees, and the Ambassadors. His work with Lou Rawls and Philadelphia International Records caught the attention of CBS Records who made him a Vice President at their lead publishing house, April/Blackwood Music.

Bishop also won numerous broadcast and civic awards, among them the national Baptist Ministers Conference Award for Outstanding Community Service in 1968 and the Community Service Award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and numerous awards from the City of Philadelphia for his work with young people.

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