

**MURRAY HORWITZ** has had an extraordinarily varied career in the arts and public life. His accomplishments in the performing arts include authoring the hit Broadway musical *Ain't Misbehavin'*, writing the song lyrics for John Harbison's *The Great Gatsby* at the Metropolitan Opera and originating the hit NPR comedy quiz, "Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me." He has served as Acting Director of the NEA's Opera-Musical Theater program and Vice President of Cultural Programming at NPR; he has been a Commissioner on the U.S. Commission for UNESCO. The winner of three Peabody Awards, numerous ASCAP songwriting awards, Tony, Obie and New York Drama Critics Circle awards (for *Ain't Misbehavin'*), the National Medal of Arts (for NPR Cultural Programming) and the Order of Arts and Letters from the government of France, Horwitz began his career as a clown in the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. He appears as a commentator on NPR and a panelist on public radio's "Says You!"