



# JIM NEWSOM *and the* CLOUDLESS SKY

**JIM NEWSOM** is an award-winning singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist who is well known and highly regarded throughout southeastern Virginia. His band, **Jim Newsom and the Cloudless Sky**, features **Gail Keller Smith** on keyboards and **Rick Jebavy** on drums. Their concert repertoire draws primarily from Jim's catalog of original songs.

The band's latest album, ***Peace Love Happiness***, is Jim's ninth album overall. Released in February, 2021, the recording features fourteen new originals written during the two years since his previous release, ***New Set of Dreams***. Unlike that recording, on which Jim played all the instruments himself, ***Peace Love Happiness*** is a group effort recorded with social distancing measures in place during the depths of the pandemic.

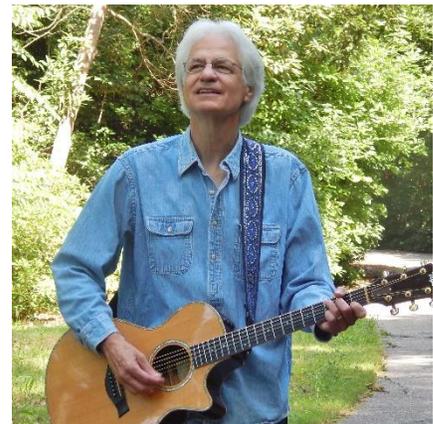
Jim is a mainstay at regional festivals and concert venues, and performs at coffeehouses, craft breweries, libraries and art centers. A longtime music journalist and TV host for the local PBS affiliate, he is often featured on regional television and radio programs. His recordings have received extensive regional and national airplay.

"The gold standard for songwriting." – *Michael Crockett, Nashville Songwriters Association International*

"Relentlessly positive songs...a carefree feeling like a day spent hiking in the hills or strolling on the beach." – *Paul Shugrue, WHRV-FM*

"The original songs, about love, life's choices and feeling good, have a go-down-easy, James Taylor-Joni Mitchell, flower-power vibe." – *Craig Shapiro, The Virginian-Pilot*

"The greatest live performance I have ever seen by a local musician." — *Sandy Adcock, musician and artist*



## *Discography:*

**Jim Newsom and the Cloudless Sky –**  
*Peace Love Happiness* (2021)

**Jim Newsom –**  
*New Set of Dreams* (2018)

**Mountaintide –**  
*Coffee & Fried Steak* (2017)

**Holly –**  
*Away We Go (children's songs)* (2015)

**Mountaintide –**  
*Dancing in the Sun* (2015)

**Jim Newsom Sextet –**  
*Jazz on the James* (2004)

**Jim Newsom Quartet –**  
*Swingin' on Granby Street* (2003)

**Jim Newsom and the PorchRockers**  
*On the Prowl* (1999)

**Jim Newsom –**  
*Crazy Dreams* (1992)

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