

JIM NEWSOM and the CLOUDLESS SKY

JIM NEWSOM and the CLOUDLESS SKY were voted "Best Acoustic/Folk" Artist in the 2022 VEER Music Awards, the regional equivalent of the Grammy awards. Led by singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist **Jim Newsom**, the band includes **Gail Keller Smith** on keyboards and **Rick Jebavy** on drums. Their concert repertoire draws from Jim's catalog of original songs as well as a mix of tasty covers.

Jim's latest album, <u>GroovyTown</u>, released in October 2022, is a solo album of cover songs on which he played all the instruments. His previous CD, **Peace Love Happiness**, was recorded with the band and released in February, 2021, with fourteen new originals.

Jim has been a mainstay at regional festivals and concert venues for forty years, 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 along with critical acclaim.

"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

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Discography:

Jim Newsom – GroovyTown (2022)

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 Quartet – *April in Suffolk* (2007)

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)