



Jim Newsom is well known throughout southeastern Virginia as a distinctly talented singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. He's led rock, jazz and acoustic bands, most recently the duo Mountaintide, with whom he recorded and released two albums of original material as well as a CD of children's music. The most recent recording, *Coffee & Fried Steak*, came out in June, 2017, and was nominated for four VEER Local Music Awards. He has a new batch of songs ready for his next solo recording to be released later this year.

Jim's original material covers a wide range of styles and touches on a diverse range of subject matter: The environmental anthem "Open Spaces;" the wistful beauty of "Virginia;" the summer memories of "Talking Like Horses;" the journey up "460 West to Blacksburg;" the singalong folk song "Colors of the Rainbow;" the lyrical potency of "Growing Guns on Trees."

He is a mainstay of major regional festivals and has played theaters, libraries, museums, art centers, clubs and special events since the early 1980s. His music has received considerable airplay and he has often performed live on radio and TV. He is also a highly regarded music writer and critic, as well as a popular local television personality, having hosted programs on the local PBS and NPR affiliates for thirty five years.

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

"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*



Discography:

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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