



Jim Newsom is well known throughout southeastern Virginia as a distinctly talented singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. On his eighth CD, the just released *New Set of Dreams*, he plays all the instruments on a set of fifteen original songs. The resulting mix stands out above the crowded mass of contemporary musical conformity.

Jim's songwriting 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."

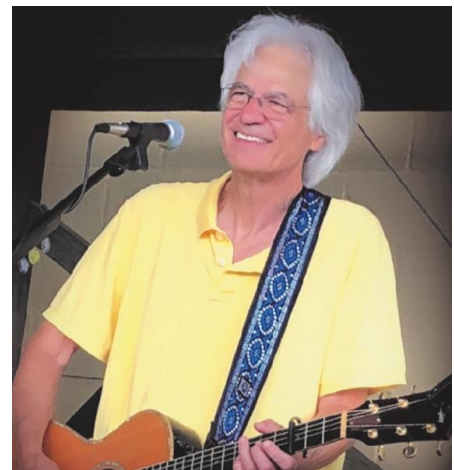
He is a mainstay of major regional festivals and plays theaters, libraries, museums, art centers, clubs and special events. His music has received considerable airplay and he has often performed live on radio and TV. He is also a highly regarded music writer and critic, as well as a popular local television personality, having hosted programs on the local PBS and NPR affiliates for thirty-five years. He was nominated in four different categories at the 2018 VEER local music awards, including Album and Song of the Year.

"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 –
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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