



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 steel drums, and Rick Jebavy on drums. Their concert repertoire draws primarily from Jim's catalog of original songs, particularly from the three CDs he released over the last four years.

For his eighth CD, Jim chose to record a true "solo album." On 2018's *New Set of Dreams*, he plays all the instruments on a set of fifteen original songs. A rich blend of guitars, flutes, piano, bass, drums and percussion, the result is a diverse mix of sounds, styles and lyrical topics that stands out above the crowded mass of contemporary musical conformity.

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 –
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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