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Singer/songwriter Jim Pelling has performed at colleges, clubs, coffeehouses, and festivals in the US and Central America. He's played on small stages and large stages and sometimes no stage at all, with bands but most often solo, armed with just an acoustic guitar, a voice, and a lot of great songs. Along the way he's performed on New York Yankees and Minnesota Twins pregame shows, and even got a song in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Pelling's music charts a course set by his influences, the Beatles, first and foremost. But as a reviewer of his "Knives & Bleeding" EP noted,

"His sound and method are that of, say, Tom Petty or maybe Elvis Costello albeit he sounds like neither."

Another reviewer of Jim's first release, the cassette-only "All Dressed Up And All Stressed Out" heard

"strains of John Hiatt, Squeeze, R.E.M., and a little bit of Simon and Garfunkel within Jim's songs".

Unlike many singer/songwriters with similar influences, Pelling has the ability to mold the basic elements of his influences into work that sounds familiar without sounding derivative. And, to borrow the words of yet another reviewer,

"he never loses the sense of humor that is often the only difference between a song and an act of self indulgence."

A fiercely dedicated do-it-yourselfer, Jim records and releases albums, EPs, and singles on his own label, Door To Door Music. He writes the songs, plays all the instruments except for sax, which is played by Dennis Landeen, does all the vocals. He designs the cover art, shoots and edits the videos, builds the website, and books the shows. Said Bill Snyder of the music magazine The Squealer:

If you still believe that the virtues of hard work are more important than big corporate money (and even if you still need to be convinced) the proof is on the tape."

Jim Pelling released his latest single, Only Human, February 28. Reminiscent of the Black Keys, Jim recorded Only Human in his home studio and plays all the instruments on this guitar driven blues rock track. Only Human is available Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon Music, and all streaming services.

Currently Jim is playing solo shows featuring his vocals and guitar over recorded-live-on-the-fly loops. "I'm trying to make as much noise as one person can by himself" says Jim. A seasoned performer, Pelling knows how to work a room and connect with an audience.