

Jim Pelling Bio

From his first guitar lesson at age nine, soaking up the riffs and chord changes from Texas C&W duo Mack and Sandy Ford, Jim Pelling knew he was going to be a musician.

Jim's latest release is the single "Promise You (an election song)", out just in time for the 2016 election. Built on a driving beat of drums, bass, acoustic and electric guitars, "Promise You (an election song)" is for anyone out there who is weary of political ads, which is just about everyone these days.

Jim Pelling first hit the stage as a solo singer-songwriter in 1980, and hasn't looked back. There were detours and day jobs, and surgery on both hands will set you back. But besides being dedicated to the muse, you might call him stubborn.

He's performed his unique brand of Americana-folk-pop/rock at colleges, coffeehouses, and clubs throughout the upper midwestern US as well as Central America, where he sang in a Guatemalan bar for 15 Quetzals and all the Gallo beer he could drink every Friday night that summer of 1980. Back in the states he hit the road, landed in Minneapolis, worked in television and raised a family. Along the way he's performed on Madison Square Garden TV before Yankees broadcasts, writing songs on the spot. He did the same for a Fox Sports broadcast of a Minnesota Twins game, and wound up with a song in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

A fiercely independent musician, Jim established his own label, Door To Door Music, in 1996, releasing his first cassette-only release, "All Dressed Up And All Stressed Out", pedaling cassettes from the stage and "door to door". Following "All Dressed..." was the "Hello Hello EP" in 2002 and "Into The Blue" in 2005. All feature Jim on all instruments, except saxophone, which is played by the amazing Dennis Landeen.

Said one reviewer on Jim's CDBaby page:

"For the love of music

"A great mix of songs that can suit any mood. Amazing guitar throughout entire CD. A mix of rock, folk, country, and even reggae. Jim plays because he loves music. He plays with the same passion whether he is playing for thousands or a few fans. It is clear in every track that Jim is playing for his love of music and not just for all the hoopla. It is for this reason that this CD is a must have."

Based in Minneapolis, Jim has played in bands such as The Poptones, and Jim Pelling and the Folkups. But, true to his roots, Jim continues to record and perform as a solo singer-songwriter.