

# THE JIM GALLANT BAND



Billy

Mark

Rick

Jim

Mix a little Americana, Blues, Folk, Bluegrass and Rockabilly with some great original music and you have the music of The Jim Gallant Band. Individually they have shared the stage with the likes of Livingston Taylor, Doc Watson, Taj Mahal, Chubby Checker, the New Grass Revival and many more. Collectively they have excited their audiences with their up-tempo style and incredible musicianship.

Jim has performed throughout New England wielding his incredible finger style guitar playing and rich baritone vocals. "River Watch" the title song from his finger style guitar CD was chosen by Ars Nova Productions for a spot on their compilation CD entitled "The Hottest New Independent Artist, Vol 3: Powerful Instrumentals". Jim's song The Don from the CD "Living the Dream" was recently used as a feature theme song for the MPBN Documentary, "Gone The Tragedy of the Don". Cyrus Rhodes of the Muse's Muse says of Jim's latest CD. "from start to finish "*Old Hat with a New Coat* "by Jim Gallant is one impressive catalog of music. The music is consistent, uplifting, & extremely entertaining."

Along with Jim are some extremely talented musicians. Rick Masters is a long time guitar great from Portland having played with Chubby Checker, Big Al Downing, Kathy Matea and many more. His lead playing weaves an intricate musical story throughout their music. Adding the driving force to their music is bassist Billy Belskis. Originally from Rumford Me. Billy is an incredibly talented musician who has played with many of the top bands in the Northeast such as Rush and The Waiters. Tying the whole sound together is vocalist, percussionist, and arranger Mark Burns. Mark's sense of harmony and musicianship has given the group a definite vocal sound which perfectly matches their incredible instrumental sound.

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