

# Jim VanSlyke

**Jim Van Slyke:** Critically acclaimed/award winning singer, songwriter and recording artist has headlined celebrated appearances on concert stages around the globe. The critically acclaimed success of Jim's latest showcase, *The Sedaka Show*, has taken him to a new plateau in his career. Neil Sedaka himself has not only joined Jim on stage for a duet in Hollywood, San Francisco and New York but has also highly endorsed the tribute.

After seeing the show himself, **Neil Sedaka** gushed, "*I had the great pleasure of seeing Jim Van Slyke perform a revue of my songs. It blew me away! The voice, the stage presence, the thought and preparation that went into the show were all superb. I've seen many singers over the years do my songs, but nobody has moved me more than jim. His performance exceeded my expectations...*" Neil Sedaka has joined Jim on stage for a duet in several performances including Feinstein's at Lowes Regency, The Razz Room in San Francisco and Hollywood's Catalina's Jazz Club.

Ranking with performing with Neil Sedaka and his personal endorsement, other career highlights for Jim include his solo performance at *The White House* and being a featured entertainer for President Clinton's second Inaugural Ball.

Jim has toured throughout the United States and Europe and is always received enthusiastically whether he is performing with just a trio, at the piano or in front of a full orchestra. Singing the *Great American Songbook* favorites Jim has fronted several magnificent big bands including extensive tours with an official USO show. He has been presented at The Kennedy Center's *Millennium Stage* as a featured artist and has performed with The Washington National Opera under the artistic direction of Placido Domingo. In addition Jim made his Solo European Concert Debut with one of Germany's premier National Symphony Orchestras singing an evening of Opera Arias and classic American Musical Theatre standards.

In 2006 Jim received a prestigious ASCAP Songwriters' Award for the self penned title track of his stunning debut album, "*Open Road*". Jim's critically acclaimed album (on the *LML Music* Label) was named to the Official 2006 Grammy Award Ballot for *Best Pop Vocal Album* alongside such artists as Billy Joel, Audra McDonald, Justin Timberlake and John Mayer.

In addition to his performing credits Jim is a nationally recognized vocal coach with voice studios in the Washington DC Metropolitan area, New York City and as Professor has taught on the voice faculties of Ithaca College and Catholic University. Student credits include leading roles on Broadway and National Tours, The Metropolitan Opera, The Washington Opera and even the Radio City Rockettes. In addition to his voice studios Jim is in high demand as a guest clinician, adjudicator, and conductor.

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