

**"COMMENTS FROM THE ROAD" .....**

**"TAKE ME HOME: THE MUSIC OF JOHN DENVER", 2011**

**Cullman, AL (from association president, Lavell Thrasher)** - Jim Curry, Ann Curry, and the instrumental ensemble that presented Take Me Home a tribute to John Denver, received several standing ovations. The audience enthusiasm could not have been stronger for this performance. They were extremely professional, very easy to work with in setting up for the concert, and engaging with the audience following the concert. I do not believe we could have booked an artist or ensemble that would have received higher audience approval.

Lavell Thrasher

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**Cullman, AL** - Live, talented entertainment can be provided by many artists, but those who effectively communicate with their audience are few and far between.

Jim, Anne and his supporting musicians belong to the 'few and far between' group of entertainers who can make an audience feel that they share a common spirit and common values. Two nights ago in Cullman, Alabama, Jim, Anne, Diane and their group far exceeded my expectations. Most of America will unfortunately never have the opportunity to bask in their performance and will indeed miss out on a rare opportunity to enjoy the sense of hearing that God gave us.

The John Denver poetry, the vocals, and bent of the musical line that he alone possessed came to Cullman two nights ago in the person of Jim Curry. He made me laugh, even cry a little and brought back wonderful memories that I thought had long ago disappeared. Wish I could experience a live performance by them once a week for the rest of my life. Guess that CD's / DVD's will be the closest I will come, but how nice that will be as I encourage my grown children to musically do for their kids what my parents did for me.

All of his supporting musicians were absolutely excellent, both in their talent and with their stage presence. However, Diane, the flutist, absolutely blew me away. My #2 daughter played the flute and keyboards quite well and did Belmont and the Nashville scene for a few years, so I can well appreciate the special uniqueness that a flute brings to any small group performance.

I am now 65, grew up in Mississippi, had the opportunity to attend West Point, did my time in Vietnam, but was able to move around the world at the expense of the U.S. Army, learning to enjoy classical and the doo-wop of the 60's / 70's to go with the fiddle and acoustic guitar with which I grew up. Do an Italian Opera in English, and I can even enjoy that.

At the age of 13-14 I can easily remember with absolute clarity sitting close to the stage at a Ferrante and Teicher concert in Laurel, Mississippi and wondering why I had agreed to go to a "piano concert". The only 'wonder' that lasted past that evening was the appreciation for other types of music that was forever ingrained and locked into my psyche after that evening. That particular concert was presented by a community concert organization that contracted with a company similar to yours, bringing class and an expansion of one's definition of music to those of us in small communities that would otherwise never have the opportunity to enjoy that side of life.

Let me close with a couple of things:

#1 - I briefly spoke with Jim, Anne and Diane the other night and made sure that they knew how much I enjoyed their performance, both with my ears but also with the memories they evoked.

#2 - I thank your company, LIVE ONSTAGE, for coordinating the business end of the music and bringing groups of such excellence and quality to smaller communities. Some of us may live in 'fly-over land', but we still greatly appreciate the quality of life outside of our immediate culture and surroundings.

#3 - Feel free to use any and all of my comments contained herein in any advertising / promotion that would insure that venues like this continue to exist.

#4 - Most of all, please pass on to Jim and his group my comments for the wonderful evening they gave to us and for the new memories that I have.

**Cullman, AL** - We had the pleasure of experiencing the fabulous performance of Jim Curry in Cullman, AL on 9/20/11 as part of our local Community Concert Series. His interaction with the audience and the delightful stories he told about his wife made the evening a treat. This is definitely a show I would highly recommend!

**Lewistown, PA** - Jim Curry "Take Me Home: A John Denver Tribute" at Mifflin County Middle School on Sept. 26th was fabulous. Jim's performance was wonderful and his band was excellent. The background photos just added another dimension. Wonderful evening of great entertainment!

**Severna Park, MD** - I have been attending the Anne Arundel CCA concerts for many years. The Jim Curry one on 10 October 2011 was for sure one of the very best I've ever heard. Thanks to AACCA for having this concert.

**Alliance, OH** - Jim Curry & his band performed in Alliance, OH this afternoon, to an auditorium with approx. 900 guests. The concert was great. The video/still scenes really enhanced the performance. They are all good musicians. The flute player has wonderful breath control. Thanks to Jim Curry for keeping the music of John Denver alive & well. John Denver, was ahead of his time - being an environmentalist long before it was the "right thing" to do. Sing on, Jim Curry. One comment from a guest was: "This is the best concert you've had!"

Claire Springer

President - Alliance Area Concert Association.

**Kendallville, IN** - Enjoyed the concert; the choices of songs, the arrangements, the choice of instruments, the talent of the whole group. It was a relaxing enjoyable evening. The photography background was a great addition, it added to the whole atmosphere of the concert don't change a thing



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