

Jim Brickman Brings a Feeling of “Hope” with His Latest Release

Jim Brickman is best known for his solo piano style and the recent release of “Hope” captures his newest instrumentals. The popular Target exclusive is now available online at JimBrickman.com with three new tracks. Whether you find yourself daydreaming, reminiscing on the day you met your significant other or watching the sunrise, the name “Hope” says so much about the feelings conveyed in the music.

A native of Cleveland, Jim began playing piano at the age of five, studied music at the prestigious Cleveland Institute of Music and since then revolutionized the sound of Adult Contemporary music with his pop-style solo piano. He founded his own advertising music company in 1980, writing commercial jingles for such advertisers as McDonald’s, Pontiac and Kellogg’s.

Since the release of his debut album “No Words” in 1994, Jim Brickman has had more charted adult radio hits (24) than any other artist and his romantic style has defined him as a marquis among contemporary instrumental hit makers. His signature style of playing and songwriting has also brought him six Gold and Platinum selling albums, consistent chart toppers on a variety of Billboard charts, a Grammy nod in 2003, SESAC “Songwriter of the Year” award, a Canadian Country Music Award and a Dove Award presented by the Gospel Music Association.

Brickman’s best-known compositions include the chart-toppers “Valentine,” “The Gift,” “Love of My Life,” “Destiny,” “Simple Things” and “Peace.” In November 2005, he held the top three spots on Billboard’s New Age chart for his albums *The Disney Songbook*, *Grace* and *Greatest Hits*. Jim has established a reputation for his collaborations with many gifted musical artists that include: Martina McBride, Michael W. Smith, Kenny Loggins, Carly Simon, Herb Alpert, Sara Evans, Gerald Levert, Richie McDonald, Collin Raye, Pam Tillis, Michael Bolton, Donny Osmond and Olivia Newton-John.

Other artistic endeavors include a weekly radio show, *Your Weekend*, two best selling books (*Simple Things* and *Love Notes*), Jim Brickman’s Valentine Cruise and debuts at Carnegie Hall and the White House, as well as international touring from Spain to Thailand. Most recently, Brickman was thrilled to play the National Anthem at a 2007 playoff game for his hometown Cleveland Indians.

TV audiences have seen Jim perform on ABC’s *Gala for the President at Ford’s Theatre*, *Good Morning America*, *Extra* and *Regis and Kelly*. He served as special performing music correspondent for NBC’s *Today* and hosted A&E’s *Winter Solstice on Ice*. A strong supporter of Public Broadcasting, Jim has taped three concert specials for that network, which include *Jim Brickman at the Magic*

Kingdom—The Disney Songbook (2005), My Romance, An Evening With Jim Brickman (2000) and Love Songs and Lullabies (2002).

Other entrepreneurial ventures include Brickhouse Direct, an on-line marketing, website-design and fulfillment business, which creates websites and offers marketing tools to the entertainment industry, and boasts a client list that includes Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith, Point of Grace, Shooter Jennings, Anita Renfro, Sandi Patti, Frank Peretti and Universal Records.

###