

John Roy Zat

Singer Songwriter, Fiddler, & Guitar Picker



John Roy Zat has been performing in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond since the 1970s. His songs have been recorded by Kate Wolf, by Banish Misfortune, Caroline Herring, and others. "His lyrics are stunning and his rich vocals bring life to each song, taking us on a journey." *S. McCall, Indie Showcase.*

With Appalachian influences, Cajun, dust bowl, and a dash of rockabilly, "JRZ comes from a long line of American singer-songwriters who occupy that space between country and folk music. Think Gram Parsons, John Prine and Jessie Winchester - you get the idea." *Bob Eff, Leichester Bangs, UK.*

"It was a pleasure hearing your set last night. I was sitting next to a friend of mine from New Orleans who spent time in Nashville as a songwriter, and several times he noted to me the expertise you exhibited in performing your set. Your proclivity for language is apparent in your songwriting, as is the heart you deliver in each song. I'm sure wherever your travels take you, the audiences respond to this warmth and wisdom." *T. Martin, Armando's Singer/Songwriter Series*

JRZ's latest CD, **WHERE ZAT**, was released in November 2021 and is just starting to get airplay. Produced and recorded with the legendary Ed Tree, it features the full band on ten new songs. There are story songs about small town life (*American Dream Cafe*) and the magic of new love (*I Took Hold Of Your Hand*). There is love 'I wish I'd never gotten into' (*Except For That One Thing*), fishy love (*I'm A Salmon In The River*), whimsical love (*Let's Take The Long Way Home*) and *All About Love* -- and a lot more. Hear it on Spotify, iTunes and everywhere else.



JRZ's three previous CDs have all charted in the top ten on Roots Music Report. **Who Zat?** features his vocals, guitar and fiddle, with bass, duets, and drums on several of the tracks. **Collaborations** is a collection of mostly live recordings, made with musicians he performs with regularly. **Solo**, as the title suggests, is a studio recording of JRZ singing and playing on his own. These are also on Spotify, iTunes and everywhere else.

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