

## **John Adams - Lead vocals, 6 and 12-string guitars**

John Adams was born December 30, 1958 in Utrecht, Holland. After being introduced to music through the boys' choir at the city's local church, he soon learned how to play the guitar, which was given to him by his cousin at age 11. Ever since that day in 1969, guitars have always been with John Adams, and the music and lyrics have traveled right along with them. In the latter half of 1972, John Denver became a big hit in Europe with his very popular song; Take Me Home, Country Roads. Despite his love for Rock & Roll, John Adams' taste in music changed instantly and he became dedicated to the music of John Denver.

After buying every available album and music book, John began to learn his guitar style, while singing along with the recordings. Loving and following the music, he had the chance to attend two of John Denver's concerts in Amsterdam in 1977 and many followed after that.

Just eleven years later, John Adams won a song contest in Holland with John Denver's Leaving on a Jet Plane. After winning the contest and performing a duet with John Denver of Whispering Jesse on live national television, the possibilities became endless for John Adams.

After moving to the United States in March 2000, John continued to perform John Denver's music exclusively where ever he was invited, which evolved into: JOHN DENVER "The Tribute" and has performed in many parts of Europe and the United States and even as far as Beijing, China. Since October 2000, the JOHN ADAMS BAND celebrates the life, memory, and music of John Denver in their show: JOHN DENVER "The Tribute". At all their concerts, John takes his audience of hundreds and sometimes even thousands on an unforgettable and poignant journey back in time with some of John Denver's most beloved songs like; Rocky Mountain High, Annie's Song, Sunshine on My Shoulders, and many others. Some of the band's highlights were concerts at the prestigious Red Rocks Amphitheatre in Denver/Morrison, The Ellie Caulkins Opera House, and The Buell Theater and The Newman Center, all in Colorado.

Other memorable John Denver tribute concerts were 15 shows at the Historic Wheeler Opera House in Aspen, CO, and performances with the Lakewood Symphony, Grand Junction Symphony, Boulder Symphony, Aurora Symphony and the Colorado Chamber Orchestras.