

## Jan & JD Combined Bio

**Jan & JD love bringing things together: Musical styles, spiritual and philosophical perspectives, and most importantly, people.** Both are consummate musicians, performers, and songwriters in their own right, with long and illustrious individual careers. The big magic happens when they come together.

Jan Garrett and JD Martin are multi-award-winning singer songwriters who live and create their music in the mountains of Colorado near Aspen. Both are seasoned performers and creative guides who teach with a twinkle, and inspire by example. They call their 19-year partnership “The Heart of Harmony” not only because they are happily married (to each other) but because they get to write, record, sing, and play their music for appreciative audiences around the country, and beyond. Their music is rich and intelligent, a velvet-hammer wake-up call as satisfying to the soul as it is to the ear....songs to open the heart and refresh the spirit.

**Recordings:** Together Jan & JD have produced 7 CDs of original songs. Their music is universally inclusive and uplifting, “A feast of musical endorphins, well-being made audible.” The songs are rich and intelligent, a velvet hammer wake-up call as satisfying to the soul as they are to the ear....Music to open the heart and refresh the spirit.

**The Music:** Stylistically their primarily piano-based music winds through pop and gospel, jazz, folk, soul and country.....but it’s the rich vocal harmonies, lyrical depth, and their comfortably compelling stage presence that define their magnetic appeal. Jan & JD are all about generosity of heart and soul, artfully wrapped up in musical excellence.

**Awards:** Both Jan and JD have been winners at the Positive Music Awards (Empower Music and Arts) for many years running. Their songs have received top honors in the Indie International Songwriting Competition, and their album “Already Home” was recently awarded the Seal of Excellence by the Positive Music Association.

## JD Short Bio

Originally from Virginia, JD Martin is an acclaimed songwriter of 5 Number One and 10 Top Ten country and pop hit singles. His songs have been recorded by such luminaries as Reba McEntire, Terri Clark, B.J. Thomas, Peter Cetera, and the Oak Ridge Boys. He has won over 15 ASCAP awards for excellence in songwriting in Nashville and LA.

JD’s velvet voice and stellar piano style are a delicious cross between Michael McDonald, Marc Cohen, and Bruce Hornsby.....heavily influenced by Dr. John and Leon Russell. But he can play a jazzy ballad or simple Celtic melody in a way that cracks open the heart. He is the groove man whose signature keyboard sound infuses all the songs, and supports the music and vocals flawlessly. He has earned his heart-centered music and songwriting style through decades of soulful personal experience.

## **Jan Short Bio**

Jan is a jazz singer with a poet's soul. A native of Colorado and a lifelong musician, she is a master teacher, wilderness vision quester, creativity guide, and (yes) certified laughing instructor who believes that "The chance of a lifetime is to be yourself." She continues to practice satsang, service, and meditation as taught to her many years ago by her Indian guru.

In her colorful musical past Garrett recorded and toured with John Denver and Steve Martin (when he was still doing stand-up) and appeared on the Tonight Show. She joined the Dirt Band for their historic 1977 Soviet Tour and was later listed in the Rolling Stone "Who's Who in Rock & Roll."

Jan's songs have won multiple awards in the world of positive music, and have been arranged, published and widely distributed by Cypress Music, a Canadian choral music company. Her tune "Tenderly Calling" was recorded by John Denver and the legendary bluegrass band Hot Rize, and has been featured in a PBS "Frontline" documentary.