

John Michael Lind - Bio

Son of a hard-rock miner, born in Sudbury and raised on the wide open prairies in Regina, Saskatchewan, JML grew the heart of an artist while earning a collar of hard-working blue. Steeped in folk music in the home while growing up, and JML soon found his way into the cultural potpourri of Regina's vibrant folk music scene. Hanging out in folk venues and at the famous Regina Folk Festival, JML soaked up influences from luminaries like Stephen Fearing, Don McLean, Gordon Pendleton, Jim Payne, David Essig, Valdy and his Hometown Band, Doc & Merle Watson, even a young Colin James, and many others.

Picking up his brother's guitar in his teens, JML began jamming around town, again soaking up styles and influences from the gifted core of Regina's Cathedral Village amateur music scene. Early-onset parenthood diverted JML from pursuing his budding musical dreams for over 20 years. Late-night lullabies and solo couch concerts with himself and his sleeping kids as the only audience became his sole musical outlet.

Moving to the creatively teeming rainforests of Roberts Creek on BC's Sunshine Coast, with its diverse, warm and welcoming community, popped the cap off JML's bottled-up creative and song writing juices. Shows in local venues like the revered Inner Ear as well as the world-famous Gumbo Café got him started, and soon the pull of the stage became too strong to ignore, and another hopeful musician was born chasing a dream of wide-open highways and big outdoor stages.

Following a love who would soon become his new wife brought JML into Vancouver's local music scene and he slowly has been blending his way into the crazy creative smoothie of the Republic of East Van ever since. Jobs as a travelling salesman, as a grip on TV & movie sets, and truck driving around Western Canada fed JML and his wanderlust, but didn't nourish his love of music. It was time for the eagle to fledge.

JML's 2014 debut CD **Out on the Land** delivers 6 finely crafted original songs about kids, farmers, heartbreak, longing, and snow. Produced by East Vancouver powerhouse Allan Rodger, the *Georgia Straight* calls it a "crisp-sounding EP... Lind's ticket to the next level of fame." Festivals, feature artist slots, plus playing fun and lively house concerts keep JML busy.

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