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## Match Made in Music

**T**he Jim & Ashley Cash Band performs original eclectic folk-rock. The music of this husband and wife team is both environmentally and spiritually focused and offers a positive outlook on the challenges that currently face humanity. They are Potomac Falls residents.

### **Introduce yourself:**

We are Jim and Ashley Cash, husband and wife singer-songwriters and we perform original eclectic folk-rock.

### **How did you get your start?**

Jim: My first guitar was gifted to me in 1995. Shortly following that I became a serious student of the guitar and gravitated toward the songwriting craft. I met Ashley in the summer of 2002 while we were both in college. Ashley had been performing in local coffee shops since she was in high school. The day that I met Ashley, I heard her sing and was blown away by the power in her voice. We fell in love, decided to put our talents to work and began performing together in 2004 and were married in 2005.

### **What has been your best memory when it comes to music?**

Jim: I was at a Carlos Santana concert back in 1997 when he was doing a benefit tour to help save music education. During the show Santana was speaking about many of the great musicians who have impacted our lives.

Interestingly, there was unrest in the crowd. People did not seem interested in what he had to say and at one point actually booed him, wanting him to just play his music and be entertained. Most notable was the mastery demonstrated by Santana in reaction to this. Instead of getting angry with the crowd he spoke with conviction and compassion about discovering life's purpose and letting your light shine through even in the darkest of times. He said, "You have succeeded if you have posi-

tively impacted just one person." It was in this moment I felt as if he was speaking directly to me, which provided me with the inspiration to write music that I believe in.

### **Describe your sound:**

Stylistically our music is interspersed with elements of folk, rock and alternative. We will often alternate between acoustic and electric guitars, which creates a dynamic contrast that range from hypnotic and introspective to energetic and empowering.

### **Biggest musical influences:**

U2, Peter Gabriel, Dave Matthews, Paul Simon, Van Morrison, John Lennon, Jack Johnson, Santana, Jackson Browne, C.S.N.Y. [Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young], Eva Cassidy, Joni Mitchell, Tracy Chapman, Grateful Dead, Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin and Michael Hedges.

### **Favorite pieces? Why?**

Our favorite pieces are, "More Than This" by Peter Gabriel, "One" by U2, and "Imagine" by John Lennon because of their universal themes of love and compassion.

### **Where is your favorite place to perform and why?**

Currently, one of our favorite places to perform is Cameron Perks Coffeehouse in Alexandria. It is an artsy intimate setting that is very comfortable and laid back. They have a separate room where they host live music and the acoustics are superb. We put on acoustic shows there once a month.

### **Anyone you would really like to play with? Why?**

We would love to play with Jack Johnson and Carlos Santana because they are on the cutting edge of helping to inspire change and doing a phenomenal job reaching the younger generations.

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