



Kim & Ed

Kim and Ed Rhoades are a husband/wife musical duo, who perform original and obscure songs, as well as standards. Their style is eclectic, with satisfying helpings of blues, pop, and folk, seasoned with some jazz and country influences. They are based in Catawissa, PA.

Ed is a prizewinning songwriter who performed extensively in the Philadelphia area before returning to his upstate roots. He has performed his original compositions on radio stations, WMMR, WIOQ, WXPB, TV 29, *The Philadelphia Hometown Album*, and The Pennsylvania Singer/Songwriter Festival, as well as numerous night spots, concerts, festivals and clubs.

As a composer, he was a featured guest lecturer at a writer's workshop at Bucknell University. Ed spoke of his work on the musical "Santa's Last Christmas." Ed has used his talents for the good of the community; he penned the theme song "Give A Little Love" for the Easter Seals for the Telethon. His songs were frequently featured on Channel 29, and on the syndicated radio shows 'Rockin' In the Keystone State.' His music has been included in compendiums: *Local Music Collective 20th Anniversary CD*, *Local Music Collective 25th Anniversary CD*, *A Susquehanna Valley Holiday*, and the *Philadelphia Hometown Album*. Ed's songs have been played on commercial as well as college radio stations.

Ed's musical talents found the perfect partner when he found his wife, Kim. Kim's lovely voice has been described as sultry, soulful, and expressive, and her flowing bass lines add another dimension not often present in presentations from other duos. She was one of the vocalists on the *OR Productions Christmas* compendium and continues to impress bigger and bigger audiences with a style that draws the listeners in.

Kim has a CD titled *Safe Distance* and Ed has one called *Moonfall*. Both CDs feature their original music. (Kim: vocals, acoustic and electric bass / Ed: vocals, acoustic and electric guitar.)

They sometimes work with sidemen like John Sweeney on blues harp, Joe DeCristopher on lead guitar and Dave Eisenhower on drums and percussion. No matter what the mix, a night with Kim and Ed is sure to please.

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Brenda Brosius

Live Music in PA - February 2009

Kim Rhoades not only lends her talent to the show with her bass playing, but she also soothes the audience with her soft, sultry vocals that are comparable to the R&B/Soul artist Sade.

PA Musician - Brenda Brosius

That following Saturday night Ed and Kim Rhoades of Catawissa were back to play at the Cherry Alley. Always a crowd pleaser, the Rhoades family mixes up their show with an array of original music with some comedy thrown in (Ed's desire to be a comedian but Kim always manages to squelch that desire.)

Jim Price

reporting on the Pennsylvania/Singer
Songwriter Festival 2005

"Soon the next performer took the stage, Ed Rhoades and his band. Ed hails from Catawissa (near Bloomsburg), and his presentation mixed elements of light rock, blues, folk and jazz. Ed sang and played guitar, helped out by his wife, Kim, on bass; Paul Farnham on acoustic guitar, and Chris Krepich on drums.

Ed and his band played selections from his latest CD, Moonfall, such as 'The Phone Still Rings,' 'You Are The Fever' and 'Jupiter;' and mixed in other original compositions as well. Ed and his band's presentation was smooth and well-performed; and offered another distinct style and slant."

Gene Shay Interview

The Folk Life - February 1978

Gene: I know Watertite, and they're very good...Watertite now, I just got a new tape from them. That band has changed a lot. Ed Rhoades is a very sensitive musician, who I think is adventurous in the sense that he's very innovative, he's always looking for new material, he's always looking for very good sources, and he's selective. So they have a fairly nice repertoire.

You can hear samples of their music at: www.edrhoades.com

You can see a video of them at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=brVYa3LBqWU

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