

'IN A DAYDREAM'

Freddy Jones Band and Snowmass Concerts Celebrate 30 Years



From left: Ben Loshin, Marty Lloyd, Rich Rossand Terry Goldstein of the Freddy Jones Band.

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IF YOU'RE OF A CERTAIN age, you've likely heard Freddy Jones Band, even if you didn't know exactly who you were listening to at the time. The soundtrack to nearly every end-of-the-school semester slideshow (am I dating myself yet?) and the band's biggest hit, "In a Daydream," celebrates its 30th anniversary release date alongside a newly recorded version and, synergistically, the 30th anniversary of the Snowmass free concert series on Fanny Hill.

Marty Lloyd, lead singer of Freddy Jones Band, has specific nostalgia for the Roaring Fork Valley and those slope-side shows.

"We have amazing memories of this particular event," he said in a phone interview before the band arrived in town. "We've had eyes for each other since the get go. It goes way back to before we were touring and we came to visit some friends in Aspen and played in a tiny bar, and a ton of people were there. We recorded a little album, and 'In a Daydream' was on that record. That's really how it all started."

Lloyd also added that the disc jockeys in our local radio scene at

the time were crucial to the band's early success.

"KSPN was the catalyst for that song — I'm not kidding. It got a couple little plays in our hometown, Chicago, but not much," he said. "I vividly remember KSPN started to play it, and in a national magazine, KSPN also made a comment about that song and the volume of calls they were getting about it. The whole thing just took off from there."

The band has performed many shows around town throughout the years, in addition to its most recent Fanny Hill concert about five years ago. Between the base of Aspen Mountain, the Belly Up and the since-shuttered Double Diamond, Lloyd and his cohorts are always excited to return to town to play and see longtime friends who are locals.

"We still have these photos from five years ago when we played Snowmass, and they don't even look real," he said. "Not only is it a great chance to see everyone we know, but it's a nice opportunity to be playing and having fun in a setting like that."

And he also encourages all his non-local pals to make the voyage out.

"Whenever I see this particular show coming up on the calendar,

I tell everyone everywhere that if there's one show I'd recommend a road trip for, this is it," he said.

Special events manager for Snowmass Tourism, Julie Hardman, echoes that Fanny Hill is the place to be on Thursday nights this summer.

"Since this year is the 30th anniversary of the Snowmass Concert Series, we wanted to celebrate this success in all the right ways, specifically with great music," she said.

Their team brainstormed some notable acts from the past to bring back, and Freddy Jones Band was a clear choice from the get-go.

But just because the band is returning and presenting some familiar tunes doesn't mean there's nothing new to see from this longtime roots-rock group.

"If you have a popular song that is on the radio, that's not the end of the journey. It's not like building a house, one day you're just done," Lloyd said. "From my perspective, I'm just operating the way I always have. We write songs, we record songs, and we play them for people."

And that means new songs for fans to enjoy each show, alongside those familiar hits.

"It's some old favorites, a few from the latest full-length album,

IF YOU GO...

WHAT: Freddy Jones Band
WHEN: 6:30 p.m. today
WHERE: Fanny Hill
COST: Free
MORE INFO: gosnowmass.com

'Never Change,' and a new song, 'Connected,' that's streaming now," he said, plus the aforementioned "In a Daydream," which Lloyd promises to be different, even if you've heard the studio recording in your youth. "People remember your music as the soundtrack to part of their life, but the comments we always get at the shows is how it's a totally different thing seeing us live."

Just like any of us who have the wisdom of perspective, what's a final thought from Lloyd over the band's 30-year journey?

"You are in the adventure; you are moving down the tracks," he said. "It's within your power to guide that train moving down the tracks. It's within your power to enjoy it."