

Bob Jordan



*If This Dream Stands*

Press Kit



Bob Jordan, 68, retired to the Smoky Mountains 12 years ago after a career in academia and began writing songs. On August 10, he made his first record of 14 songs – titled ***If This Dream Stands*** – available to the public.

Jordan is a native of Monroe, Louisiana, a graduate of the University of Louisiana Lafayette, and a veteran teacher of English composition and literature at the University of Louisiana Monroe and Louisiana Delta Community College. He also worked in advertising and journalism in Louisiana before moving to Waynesville in 2010 with his wife Angela, a writer and artist.

A pianist and drummer before he picked up a guitar, Jordan had played in bands throughout his school years and into his 30s, but set aside professional ambitions to teach. Though he taught writing, it had not occurred to him to write songs until he retired.

Sitting in front of his computer, his first thought was that now he had time to write the Great American Novel. When nothing came to mind, he decided to give lyrics a try, adding the music later.

***If This Dream Stands*** is a project managed and produced by McConnell's Music. Julie and Bryan McConnell recruited veteran session musicians from the Asheville area for an album that includes 13 of Jordan's songs, along with a reprise of the opening "Old Black Snake" featuring grandson Henry Stout on vocals.

The CD was recorded at Seclusion Hill Music in Asheville, NC, mixed and mastered by Phil Ludwig and distributed by CD Baby. The album became available on iTunes and other platforms on August 10. Jordan is planning an official launch concert for the Asheville area in the winter of 2022

# Media

## Links

**Social Media:** <https://www.facebook.com/bobjordanmusic>

**Listen or Buy:** <https://bobjordan.hearnow.com/>

## Lyrics and further info:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KgDx4b2kgksTWDzPWIVLg1yL6QoCcBwe/view?usp=sharing>

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Photos from recording sessions at Seclusion Hill Music in Asheville, Phil Ludwig, owner and engineer, August 31, 2021



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**Bill Berg**  
drums



**Bryan McConnell**  
bass



**Julie McConnell**  
backing vocals



**Chazz McConnell**  
backing vocals



**Bob Jordan: vocals, acoustic guitar**

I didn't so much find the musicians on this record as they found me. A story for another time. But they took my rough acoustic demos and gave them wings to fly higher than I could have imagined. I can't thank them enough. I want to especially thank the core group--Bryan, Bill, Julie, and Chazz--who were there from the start and contributed so much creativity and passion to each song.

The incredible sound comes courtesy of Phil Ludwig, engineer and owner of Seclusion Hill Music.

Phil brings as much creative energy as any musician. I'm grateful for the extra magic.

This record is a dream nearly 60 years in the making. These are the people who helped make it come true.



**Rick Praytor**  
electric guitar  
(tracks 2,3,4,8,10,12)



**Aaron Price**  
electric guitar  
(tracks 4,10)



**Jackson Dulaney**  
pedal steel (tracks 7,9)  
resonator guitar (track 5)



**Paul McIntyre**  
violin  
(tracks 1,3,11)



**Dennis Goodwin**  
piano  
(tracks 5,11,13)



**Phil Ludwig**  
engineer

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