

EDELSTON & DULCIMER



Photo: Adrienne "Rocknation" Collier

SAM EDELSTON

Sam Edelston is one of the handful of performers actively promoting the fretted dulcimer (mountain dulcimer) as a featured instrument in rock and pop music. Based in Connecticut, he performs nationally.

- ▶ YouTube: 6,700 followers, 1,000,000+ views
- ▶ Facebook: 700 followers
- ▶ Viral videos:
 - *Whole Lotta Love*
 - *I Wanna Be Sedated*
- ▶ Video of *Sweet Caroline* is shown at the Musical Instrument Museum in Phoenix, AZ

& DULCIMER

"Dulcimer" refers to whatever fretted dulcimer Sam is playing at the moment.

Dulcimers were traditionally considered a folk instrument. They usually have 3-4 strings, and they traditionally lacked several notes of the musical scale. Occasionally, dulcimers have been used in popular music, but Joni Mitchell, Cyndi Lauper, and others, usually playing only simple parts.

Sam's dulcimers all have 3 strings. Some have fully chromatic fretboards, others don't. He uses them to fill the roles that normally would be filled by guitars.

For many years, Sam had absolutely no interest in an instrument that's missing a lot of notes and has only three strings. But then, when he finally sat down and played one, he discovered that it's easier to play complex music on three strings than on six, and he instantly became an evangelist for the instrument.

FOR FANS OF

Cyndi Lauper, Jake Shimabukuro, Luna Lee, Bing Futch, Postmodern Jukebox, 2Cellos, Harp Twins



ALBUM OVERVIEW

MAKING WAVES is a dulcimer album like no other, with the dulcimer fronting a rock band on mostly classic rock and pop songs. A product of over 30 days in the studio.

ALBUM: MAKING WAVES **RELEASED:** August 21, 2024
ARTIST: Edelston & Dulcimer **GENRE:** Indie / Rock / Pop / Folk Rock

TRACK LIST:

- Looking at the Waves (original)
- Wild Horses
- She's Always a Woman
- Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard
- Sweet Caroline
- Colour My World
- Please, Please Me
- Call Me
- If I Can't Get to You (original)
- Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds
- Ace of Spades
- Bohemian Rhapsody
- Born to Run
- You and Me on the Rock
- Looking at the Waves (Reprise)

LISTENERS ARE SAYING

"I love this recording! ... MAKING WAVES is a **multi-decade jukebox** of well-thought-out arrangements, skillfully played by Sam and his cast of supporting musicians that never fail to delight, surprise and tickle my fancy. As soon as I've reached the final track, I'm ready to start all over again!"

—*Nationally popular performer, instructor, and author*
Steve Eulberg

"A loving tribute to a vastly underappreciated instrument, the playing of which **you've elevated to something of an art form.**"

—*Singer-songwriter* **Roia Rafieyan**

"I received the new CD and listened in stunned raptures this morning. Congratulations on an amazing piece of work! The dulcimer playing is **jaw-dropping**, your vocals are **terrific**, and the whole production mix is **first-rate**. Awesome!"

—*Dulcimer performer/teacher* **Bill Collins**

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