

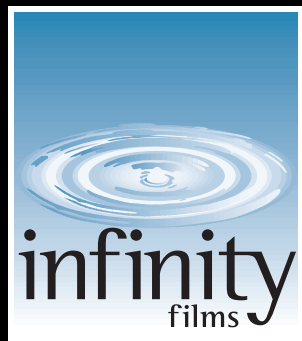
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"Blues musician, singer, guitar player, actor and star; the coolest guy on television," are all ways to describe one of North America's most popular and prolific entertainment personalities, JIM BYRNES. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Jim grew up on the banks of the Mississippi River taking piano lessons and teaching himself to play blues guitar by the time he was thirteen. Following service in the U.S. Army and a tour of Viet Nam, Jim moved to British Columbia in 1969 and has adopted B.C. as his home ever since.

He formed the Jim Byrnes Band in 1980 and released his first album, BURNING, in 1981 garnering a Juno Award, the "gold standard" of the Canadian Recording Industry, as Most Promising Male Vocalist. Two more albums have followed, I TURNED MY NIGHT INTO DAYS and THAT RIVER and both have earned him Juno Awards including the 1996 Juno Award for Best Blues/Gospel Album.

But it his starring roles in episodic television that has endeared Jim to millions of fans around the world. From his starring role for three and half years as Dan "Lifeguard" Burroughs in the WISEGUY series to six seasons as Joe Dawson on the internationally released HIGHLANDER series, Jim has become noted for his deep and compelling characters. He is currently featured on the Showtime/WIC Television series CLIFFHANGERS, the CTV series COLD SQUAD and the movie HIGHLANDER 3.



46 x 30 minutes (23', 11") VARIETY SHOW — English

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THE JIM BYRNES SHOW is a 30 minute, hip variety show that every week pushes the buttons of today's cigar smoking, martini drinking, tuxedo wearing, 18 - 34 crowd. Thirty minutes of cool, thirty minutes of edgy, hip humour, thirty minutes of television for today's twenty-somethings.

Starring international actor and singer JIM BYRNES, the show is set in a funky blues bar appropriately named The Blue Byrnes Bar. Like the "Jack Benny Show" of television's golden age, fantasy and reality take turns as the real bar set and the audience interweave with the "behind the bar" cast of characters and guests.

On one level the hip, urban, master showman JIM BYRNES is the host of a weekly television variety show presenting some of the finest Canadian and international talent. But on another level there is The Blue Byrnes Bar. There the television audience is the fly on the wall as the hilarious world of The Blue Byrnes Bar unfolds in all its manic, comedic intensity. Relating to the musical stars on the show, not relating to the musical stars on the show, relevant, irresponsible, funny and fun. And, in the martini shaker of television, it all pours out as the "coolest," hippest, funkiest, jiggiest spot on the block.

Joining Jim every week is internationally renowned musical director and pianist, BILL SAMPLE and a regular cast of players made up of some of Canada's funniest comedic actors including the wackiest woman on television since Lucille Ball, the Blue Byrnes bartender EVA DE VIVEIROS. It is variety television at its very best. Cool, hip and, as Eva would say, "more fun than a bucket of monkeys!"

Packaged with strong graphics, a dynamic, hard-edged opening, and strong bumpers and stings, the show is set around Jim's world-class, blues performance. His musical guests have included world-teen sensations THE MOFFATS; Canadian country sensation FARMER'S DAUGHTER; "Lilith Fair's" TARA MACLEAN; the poetic and passionate AMY SKYE; the smoky blues of LONG JOHN BALDRY; the country power of PATRICIA CONROY; the beautiful MAE MOORE; BRUCE GREENWOOD (DOUBLE JEOPARDY, THE SWEET HEREAFTER); ELLIE HARVEY (THE NEW ADDAMS FAMILY); Gemini Award nominated comedians including BRENT BUTT, CHRISTINE LIPPA, ROMAN DANYLO; and many, many more!

THE JIM BYRNES SHOW is a fast-paced, fun, ready-for-the-weekend musical treat that for thirty minutes every week pushes the edge of conventional variety show thinking to the fast-paced tastes of today's twenty-somethings. THE JIM BYRNES SHOW may just be what your weekend NEEDS!

