

# CONCERT REVIEWS

## JASON COLEMAN

### *the* PIANO MAGIC *of* FLOYD CRAMER

#### FROM CONCERT PRESENTERS:

"The response was tremendous! What an entertaining show. From the beginning, Jason captured the audience's attention with his marvelous piano playing and stories about the songs that made his grandfather famous. **He had a great rapport with the audience, and his multimedia approach resulted in one of the most professional and entertaining shows we've had.** Loved the pictures and his playing with them. This was one of the best planned and performed shows I've seen. If you haven't seen it, you should. Would love to have Jason back in Lawrenceburg."

*Cherie P. – Lawrenceburg, TN  
Crockett Theatre*

"Jason was back again last night and what a show! He seemed to love what he was doing, has matured even more in his stage presence, and his enjoyment was contagious! What a delightful, talented young man. He did a lot to convince people that our community concerts are well worth supporting and then some. **We thought he was wonderful three years ago and he was even better this time.** All I heard as we were leaving was how much everyone loved him."

*Kathy V. – Bremerton, WA  
Bremerton Community Concerts*

"Jason Coleman's 'The Piano Magic of Floyd Cramer' performance at last week's Excellence Foundation benefit concert in Terrell was an unqualified success. The audience responded with a rousing standing ovation, and more than \$13,000 was raised to support students and teachers in the Terrell Independent School District. Based on his first show in Terrell in 2011 as a Live On Stage touring artist, **Jason was voted "Entertainer of the Decade" in 2012 by E! Terrell Entertainment Series subscribers.** He returned for an encore performance in 2013. **He is the first ever "three-peat" performer for our community."**

*Dana S. – Terrell, TX  
E! Terrell Entertainment Series*

**"Attendance exceeded my expectations and the audience loved the show.** I received a number of emails the week following the performance from people who wanted to know when [he] would be back. That's the kind of reaction I like to get from my patrons. No doubt I will demand a return engagement in the future."

*Robert Z. – Gilbert, AZ  
Higley Center for the Performing Arts*

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"Jason's performance here in Red Bluff was truly outstanding. One of the best we've ever had. . . **Our crowd adored Jason, and I heard audience voices singing along throughout the show.** The duet between Jason and his grandfather brought tears to many eyes."

*Micah S. – Red Bluff, CA  
Tehama Concert Series*

"Following in the footsteps of his grandfather, [Jason's] stage presence, style, and unquestioned talent on the piano keeps his audience literally on the edge of their seats. **When Jason plays, the 'slip note' style of Floyd Cramer coming from the piano brings back all the memories and excitement from that era.** The audience at The Old Opera House had nothing but high praise for Jason. I recommend Jason Coleman for any venue."

*Julie S. – Hawkinsville, GA  
Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Arts Council*

"...**Jason had our students, attending the afternoon outreach program, singing along and dancing in the aisles.** At the evening concert I heard people humming along as he played some of their favorite songs. And they loved the screen presentation of his childhood memories."

*Eloise J. – Payson, AZ  
Tonto Community Concerts*

"The Dunn Center for the Performing Arts presented Jason Coleman for the third time on Friday night. Our audience loved the first show many years ago and wanted him to return. The second show, while hard to believe, was better than the first. Our patrons wanted a return engagement – they insisted and did not have a lot of patience with me on the 'skip a season' rule that we like to use. So, Jason Coleman returned on Friday night.

His talent is amazing and the beauty of the music will take your breath away. **He engages the audience in a way that is so rare today and yes, they respond with loud applause and standing ovations.** They loved him so much they just had to meet him after the show – they wanted signed CDs, they wanted photos, they wanted their moment with a man that not only entertained them but inspired them as well.

His 'meet and greet' was over an hour, and he looked like he enjoyed the time as much as the audience did. He is easy to work with and a pleasure to work with. **I recommend Jason Coleman to any presenter without any reservation.** Book him while you can! This young man is going places."

*Sheila M. – Rocky Mount, NC  
Dunn Center for the Performing Arts*

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“What an evening! **Our audience was captivated by Jason’s talent, his charm, his personality; and did I say enthusiasm!** Our audience loved him! (again). This is a repeat performance for us and we would do it a third time! I actually told him as he left, ‘let’s not let this be our ‘Last Date!’”

*Eloise O. – Camden, AR  
Ouachita County Community Concerts*

“Having [Jason] in the Hall was pure pleasure. The music was beautifully presented and touchingly nostalgic. We were all transported back to those wonderful years – truly comfort food for the soul. [Jason’s] loving commentary, pictures and video about [his] Granddad touched us all. Well done! . . . Thanks for a very special evening.”

*Judy M. – Mountain City, TN  
Heritage Hall Theatre*

“**This very young, extremely charming and awesomely talented man had the entire audience in the palm of his hand, within minutes!** . . . He is a delightful keyboard artist, offering a wide variety of music, demonstrating an immediate and long-lasting rapport with every age in our audience. His concert made us laugh and truly brought tears to our eyes, with his joy and tenderness for his art.”

*David U. – Alpena, MI  
Alpena Community Concerts*

“Jason Coleman, appearing with the LaGrange Symphony Orchestra, put on two of the most enjoyable concerts in our 23 year history.

Featuring selections made famous by his grandfather, pianist Floyd Cramer, Jason thrilled a near-capacity audience with his charm and professionalism. Patrons raved about the performance, sharing comments such as . . . ‘Without a doubt that was the best concert ever performed with the LSO.’

From the patrons to the players, the sentiment is the same: **Jason Coleman is a great entertainer and professional in every way.** In fact, we were all so impressed with the experience, we’re bringing Jason Coleman back again [next year].”

*Dave M. – LaGrange, GA  
LaGrange Symphony Orchestra*

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#### FROM CONCERT ATTENDEES:

**“Last night I attended one of the best performances I have seen in the past 20 years of concert attendance. Jason Coleman was the consummate performer. His program was so visual and his stage presence charming. I was transported back to the 60’s in grand style . . . I would attend a repeat performance.”**

*Jo Ann C. – Munster, IN*

**“He had the crowd loving him from the moment he walked on stage. Lots of humming around me all through the performance; Jason plays the old favorites SO WELL! . . . He was a huge hit – a sweet spirit who lifted our spirits!”**

*Lois D. – Harlingen, TX*

**“Last week, my daughter and I saw Jason Coleman perform in Liberal, Kansas. Oh, my, such talent, and he had me oohing and ahhing, laughing, crying, reminiscing about the songs and memories I have with his grandfather’s music. What a show, and so well put together . . . It was perfect. In fact, I overheard one gentleman say as we were leaving, ‘That was the best concert I have ever been to.’ My 30-year-old daughter thought it was great, saying that the two-hour show seemed like about 30 minutes.”**

*Kerry H. – Liberal, KS*

**“He [is] not only entertaining, but provided such an interesting history of his grandpa, Floyd Cramer . . . What a perfect way for my husband and I to celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary! It was a performance we will not soon forget! It brought back so many memories of those wonderful songs from the 50’s and 60’s – ‘our time!’ . . . **Everyone we talked to was raving about the concert!**”**

*Carolyn M. – Topeka, KS*

**“My what a talented and personable young man who has been blessed beyond imagination to be able to bring his Grandfather’s talent back to the stage... one could close their eyes and swear they were listening to the Great Floyd Cramer! **This is the second time Jason has graced our stage at the Saenger Theater in Biloxi and I pray that it won’t be the last!**”**

*Karen J. – Biloxi, MS*