



Media Kit

Annapolis-based act **Kings of Crownsville** is a roots rock band with a **New Orleans flavor**. Think Louis Armstrong meets Steely Dan.

The brainchild of guitarist/singer/songwriter Steve Johnson, the Kings play a rollicking, entertaining set that stirs **Americana, Jazz and Blues** into the mix. This accessible, likable band of experienced musicians **performs mainly Johnson's witty original tunes** as well as a few well-chosen covers with a hint of Louisiana spice.

Their **signature horn section** transports listeners to the streets of the Big Easy, while they also add precise **three and four-part vocal harmonies** to their musical gumbo.

Venues

- Bethesda Blues & Jazz Club, Patterson Theater (Creative Alliance of Baltimore), Baltimore Blues Society Competition, Cabaret at Germano's, An Die Musik Live, The Bayou, Metropolitan Kitchen, 49 West, etc.
- Outdoor concerts at Artscape, Baltimore Book Festival, Annapolis Towne Center, Maryland Hall, Annapolis City - Rock the Dock, Quiet Waters, Bethesda, Frederick MD, Carlisle PA, etc.



Media

- Interview on WRNR FM 103.1 Voices of the Chesapeake Bay with Michael Buckley
- Featured on WYPR (NPR) Baltimore, Midday with Dan Rodricks and the Sheilah Kast Show with Tom Hall
- Airplay on WTMD, WRNR, Sirius XM
- Feature stories in Chesapeake Taste (monthly magazine) and The Capital (Annapolis, daily newspaper)
- Review in Jazz Times



Reviews

“Sweltering mélange of jazz, blues, and even country ... music as good as this can leave some speechless.” **Jazz Times**

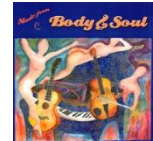
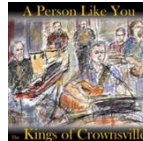
“Upbeat, funny, interesting, thought provoking, melodic and highly entertaining. Musical textures reminiscent of Jack Johnson, Steely Dan, John Meyer and even classic Dr. John. Anything groovy, fun and powerful.” **Indies Shark**

“An impressive band that delivers rock solid playing...as good as it gets in modern Americana/Blues/Rock.” **Skope**

“HAIL TO THE KINGS. A Person Like You, the latest CD by The Kings of Crownsville, is earthy and joyful with a down home (yet sophisticated) quality. Kudos to Steve Johnson for his witty, wise and wonderful lyrics. Throughout, a rhythmic message of positivity and good humor abounds that will uplift even the most downhearted listener. Although each track is noteworthy and stands on its own, this clever collection of original music and diverse arrangements interweaves into a motif of truth. I thought I detected a dash of Dr. John in the narrative and a smidgen of Steely Dan in some of the vocal harmonies, but all of these unique songs bear the stamp of The Kings. All of the musicians contribute their impressive talents to this treasure trove of musical gems.” **Gail Marten, Jazz Palette**

CDs

- A Person Like You (2018)
- Waiting There For Me (2012)
- Live at Quiet Waters Park (2010)
- Music from Body and Soul (2002)



Members

Steve Johnson: guitar, vocals; **Ed Justice:** trumpet, flugelhorn, percussion and vocals; **Jim Tavener:** trombone, trumpet, percussion, and vocals; **Mike McCormick:** keyboards and vocals; **David Vermette:** bass and vocals; **Rob Creath:** drums



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