

DAVID NEWMAN REVIEWS

“David Newman/Durga Das is a star in the international sub genre of chant artist or mantric musician”.

NPR's - *All Things Considered*

“At David Newman’s Kirtan, the event’s volume knob seemed to go from low-level joy to full-on bliss, the kind you feel after climbing a gorgeous mountain or ending a tough run on a strong sprint. Strangers hugged and danced wildly.”

The Washington Post

“David is reminiscent of George Harrison, Dylan and Paul Simon when they are in soul mode.”

LA Yoga Magazine

“Though David has a deep sense of tradition in his music, there is also something thoughtful, poetic, personal, and almost romantic about his songs.”

Yoga Journal

"David Newman is the Cat Stevens of Kirtan".

Dr. Marc Halpern, Founder of California College of Ayurveda

“David’s music especially his voice elevates the ear and then allows one to drive deep into the sweetness of the heart.”

Sharon Gannon, Founder Jivamukti Yoga

“David Newman (Durga Das) is a poet in a mystic musician's body. When accompanied by the ethereal vocals and rhythmic percussion of Mira, the bliss is unmatched.”

LA Yoga magazine

“I've always loved the heart that so clearly is the force within David Newman's music - it makes me happy and grateful to be alive!”

Elena Brower, Yoga Educator

"David Newman has been a great inspiration for me being a devotional artist. His music is a precious gift, a reminder of the divine that dwells within us always."

Donna De Lory

Sacred Musician & Recording Artist

DAVID NEWMAN CD REVIEWS

• TRAVEL WELL

"*Travel Well* is a kirtan crossover and a laid back, classic rock inspired album that contemplates the spiritual journey."

Yoga Journal

"Travel Well, David Newman's ninth album, is his most personal yet. The CD takes us on a well-rounded journey through a varied musical landscape, filled with an artful mix of English and Sanskrit, and against a backdrop of masterful production."

LA Yoga Magazine

"David Newman's *Travel Well* is a feast. It's a tasty mix of rock, reggae, chant, and pop songs, with David's flair for rootsy authenticity. I hear the best of classic rock in this, with great slide guitars, uplifting hooks, and sweet harmonies. David writes from the heart, sharing his innermost gleanings from deep practice. The CD is a celebration of life."

Yoga Chicago

"Travel Well is David Newman's most innovative and diverse album to date, and that's saying something for this prolific chanter."

Holistic Page

• STARS

"A natural anti-depressant, '*Stars*' will put a smile on your face. The contagious melodies reveal an unmistakably sincere connection to the infinite, while the original lyrics courageously lead us to experience *bhakti*-unconditional love. Like the Pied Piper, David Newman lures you into musical bliss-you won't be able to resist singing along!"

Sara Ivanhoe, Master Yoga Instructor

“On the uplifting new album STARS, the chant artist David Newman (Durga Das) brings together Sanskrit mantras, poetic English lyrics, and contemporary folk rock, creating a style of Americana mantra music all his own.”

Yoga Journal Review, May 2012

“David Newman's *Stars* is a musical shimmer of bliss to soothe the soul.”

Yoga Chicago, June 2012

• TO BE HOME

"*To Be Home* is a joyous and skillful love song to God. Yoga teachers and practitioners will enjoy using it for practice, or just to listen and sing along. Highly recommended!"

Yoga Living Magazine

“*To Be Home* is a genre bender in the most surprising and uplifting way. You will find yourself humming along, then later singing along as it redefines the whole concept of a chant kirtan recording.”

Terry McBride, Founder Netzwerk Music Group

“David Newman and Mira are veterans of sacred music and Newman’s latest release – appropriately titled *To Be Home* – will immediately put a smile on anyone’s face and inspire the opening of any heart.

LA Yoga

"*To Be Home* from David Newman and Mira is possibly the best kirtan chanting CD I've ever heard in my life! It is the direction where kirtan is headed. David creatively blends Sanskrit mantras with english poetry to create a peaceful yet energizing harmony of east and west- it leaves you relaxed and inspired. This music will pave the way for the future of chanting!"

Sara Ivanhoe

David Newman continues to infuse his chants and mantras with a pronounced folk music sensibility. The gentle yet rocking melodies and rhythms put a friendly, contemporary spin on the chants without undercutting their spirituality. *To Be Home* is another winner for Newman!

New Age Retailer

• LOVE, PEACE, CHANT

“With *Love, Peace, Chant* Newman offers songs and chants that have a lot of substance in addition to being sacred expressions of Soul.”

LA Yoga Magazine

“*Love Peace Chant* is hot! Following the success of the albums *Into the Bliss* and *Lotus Feet*, David had a lot to live up to and in good step, *Love Peace Chant* extends the frontiers of contemporary chant music with new, very juicy and appealing arrangements...Get this!”

Australia Life Magazine

“Kirtan Chant is the domain of David Newman. His grasp of mantra and melody *make Love Peace Chant* a worthy addition to your collection.”

Music Design

“David Newman’s *Love Peace Chant* is the perfect musical companion for meditation and exaltation.”

Martin Guitar Magazine: The Sounding Board

• INTO THE BLISS

“*Into the Bliss* is one of the best Kirtan CDs we have heard.”

Yoga Magazine

“Prepare to be swept along helplessly to the current of this euphoric and divinely inspired Kirtan recording...”

You'll beg for them not to finish...You can almost feel Neem Karoli Baba tapping his feet to the rhythm!

You'll regret not having this one in your Yoga music collection.”

Australian Yoga Life Magazine

December 2007 by Richard Clark

“David Newman’s *Into the Bliss: A Kirtan Experience* is a stunning CD/DVD set...Each disc brings a sense of intimacy and feelings of devotion inherent in David’s kirtan...*Into the Bliss* takes you deep to the heart of the sublime...”

Yoga Chicago

"Into the Bliss is a relaxing and spiritual excursion into the world of Kirtan...Everyone, from Newman and his band members to the audience/choir, is completely absorbed in every minute of the five Kirtan chants, heads swaying and hearts open. *Into the Bliss* successfully and simply engages the listener and viewer in the spiritual passion and vitality of Kirtan."

New Age Retailer

"The *shakti* is there and as we listen to our brothers and sisters jam it out on the names of God, it makes the listener feel present, alive and invited "into the bliss" with the performers."

LA YOGA Ayurveda and Health magazine, March 2007

• **LOTUS FEET**

"**Lotus Feet** is in my top 10 list of CD's I can't live without. It has been in my car CD player for the last two months, and I listen to it over and over and over. Lotus Feet features great chanting, mixing traditional Sanskrit with English, making it inviting and accessible even to the mainstream. Spiritual devotion, pure intention, and love flow from every track. David Newman's music is transformational, spreading light and love to everyone who listens to it. I love this guy."

New Age Retailer - Reviewed by Kathy McGee, 11/07

"**Lotus Feet** has become one of my favorite albums these days, which is no small thing given how much music in the sacred world genre I listen to daily."

Leanne Wood, Co-Founder - Sacred Sounds Radio

"The pace and production value of *Lotus Feet* allows you to hear the quality of work involved while lightening the atmosphere of any room. A good listen for anyone who loves their chant."

Yoga Magazine

"David Newman's *Lotus Feet: A Kirtan Revolution* is awesome! David or Durga Das channels his love energy into sound....Once David starts chanting Sita Ram it's all over; the heart opens, the soul finds bliss."

Yoga Chicago: Reviewed by Debi Winston Buzil

David Newman...has blessed our ground with bhajans many times and his devotion to his guru Sri Neem Karoli Baba (Maharajji) has been an inspiration to Bhakti devotees for many years.

“On Lotus Feet...David succeeds in creating a very sweet, honest and skillful production. His tracks are nicely produced and the instrumentations are very simple and authentic. Newman’s strengths lie in his ear for melody and his abilities as a musician.”

La Yoga Magazine: Reviewed by Michael R. Mollura

“In addition to the Mantra, David has written his own lyrics that help the uninitiated listener identify the living quality of these Mantras, giving them a reference that is very personal, yet universal in appeal. These very revealing and, at times, intimate words that draw us into the song are what make this CD different from all the other well-produced Mantra CDs I've heard.”

Enlightened Practice Magazine: Reviewed by Richard Brookens

• LEAP OF GRACE

Some people say that David Newman’s music is like a river of love, mild and soothing. Every breath, and pause between the breath, is deeply penetrated by the naturally flowing love and trust from the music. Listening to this album is like a mysterious/mystical musical journey, in which your thoughts are purified and elevated.

Yoga Journal, China Edition

"Leap of Grace penetrates the walls and fills up the room with kind gratitude and ubiquitous love. Buy it, you won't regret it, even if you have the Chalisa in its many many forms."

LA Yoga Magazine

"*Leap of Grace* has the kind of gravitas that can bring a room to silence while managing to also be playful and completely unpretentious. A very beautiful piece of work from which to draw spiritual sustenance."

Wave Magazine

“David Newman (Durga Das) has created a piece of music so holy and whole, I shiver with its title, Leap of Grace: The Hanuman Chalisa... The Hanuman Chalisa has transformed my home into a peaceful place.”

Yoga Chicago

• **SOUL FREEDOM**

"The songs of higher consciousness included on David Newman's album "Soul Freedom" are not merely songs.

They can actually make you a better person.

The music inspires; the message is vital.”

Phil Roy, singer/songwriter/recording artist

“Strong spiritual content pervades this full-length by singer/guitarist Newman, whose work echoes Mark Knopfler and even Randy Newman. *Bring It Up* is an excellent example of the quality of the material and it is rendered perfectly to stay in the memory. Everything is warm and melodic, including the soothing and soulful female backup vocals....”

Music Connection Magazine, Los Angeles – Aug. 4th, 2003

"When travelling in China in May, 2007 I became sick while doing volunteer work in Xi'an. The problem appeared to be a type of food poisoning which made me feel weak and nauseous most of the time. After suffering for three days I decided rather than take any medicine I would seek my healing through asking for divine help. When looking through my spiritual music it came to me strongly to listen and chant to David Newman's album, "Into the Bliss". I sat myself down on the floor, crossed my legs, straightened my spine and set my intention that I would not stop chanting till I got my healing. I chanted all the songs on the album non-stop for over two hours. As time went by I became so peaceful, so happy, so confident and so full of joy and life. I felt transported to different place where all was well and when I returned my illness and its symptoms were gone. I travelled to other cities in China and Tibet for the remainder of my trip and was well the rest of the trip. Thank you David and your divine guidance for this beautiful and healing music which activates and awakens us so quickly to our divine self and nature."

Craig A. Holch