**Biography:**

James Robinson gives a high energy and charismatic performance that explores instrumental improvisation to the deepest level. Each performance is a trip into the magical realm of sound. The depth of the music is fueled by the energy of the audience. Robinson’s single “Tales of Change” was released to KKSF music sampler in 2003. Larry Carlton heard Robinson’s album *Colours* , saying ***“James is an extraordinary talent that deserves to be heard.”***Carlton shared his enthusiasm for *Colours* with 3 time Grammy artist Steve Vai, who then signed Robinson to his Favored Nations acoustic label, saying ***“He’s phenomenal!”.*** Robinson signed with Innervision Records in 2020 and *Azul Sky,* the single from *New Beginnings,* was released with Innervision Records January 2021, and will be followed by full release of *New Beginnings*. Steve Vai’s review of New Beginnings:

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It’s rare to hear someone that has such authentic acoustic chops, also able to sound great on a screaming electric guitar, and he's that guy."  Steve Vai***

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Robinson is greatly inspired by the unique sounds of the multi-cultural influences of Santa Cruz Ca. He blends these inspirations into a virtuosic exhibition, leaving the listeners in awe of his talents.

Robinson grew up in the Silicon Valley suburb of Campbell. He is the twelfth of thirteen children, and was inspired to learn classical piano at age eight and moved to guitar at the age of 12. He studied voraciously every imaginable kind of music 8-10 hours a day. All manner of instruments and styles were played in the Robinson household, from jazz, classical, fusion, blues, country, rock, and the list goes on.

Six of Robinson’s eight brothers play the guitar, providing a vast array of musical inspirations and numerous instructors from an early age. Robinson studied with many of the Bay Areas own classical guitar instructors, including Bahram Behroozi, and the late Frank Longay, creator of the Suzuki guitar method.

Robinson’s enjoys performing any and all styles of guitar music, including his own **genre blending fusion** **sound** of *Latin, World, Jazz, Flamenco, and Middle Eastern* melodies. Robinson performs with all manner of stringed instruments including nylon string classical and flamenco guitars, steel string, and electric guitars. He also plays various other stringed instruments (mandolin, and bouzouki).

**Endorsements**:

Hill Guitar Company

Mesa Boogie

Eastman guitars

Cordial Cable

James Robinson’s successful 2005 CD release of *Colours* was signed to Steve Vai’s Favored Nation’s Acoustic label and released internationally. *Colours* showcased California Bay Area musicians and sounds, bringing together masterful instrumentation and lyrical melodies.

Robinson’s follow up to *Colours,* is titled *New Beginnings,* and features spellbinding speed with enchanting melodies that will leave you in awe of his talents.

Robinson will be debuting his first classical guitar album, a contemplative classical guitar album, featuring Chris Robinson (James youngest brother) on harpsichord.

**Quotes:**

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***"...a fabulous improvisational jazz guitarist"***

***Art Thompson, Guitar Player Magazine***

Discography:

“*New Beginnings*” (2019)

“*Christmas Music*” (Dec. 2018)

“*Colours*” (2003) Independent (2005) Favored Nations

“*Tumbling Into The Sky*” (2000) Independent release

“*James Robinson Primary*” debut (1998) independent release (2017) digital release

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JAMES ROBINSON, New Beginnings

"The 12th of 13 children, Silicon Valley raised virtuoso James Robinson was blessed to have the guitarisma in his DNA, with six of his eight brothers playing guitar and offering him a wide array of inspirations and access to top instructors from an early age. Legendary three-time Grammy winning hard rock/metal maestro Steve Vai once gushed of Robinson’s multi-faceted talents for Latin, World, Jazz, Flamenco, Middle Eastern, Rock, “He’s phenomenal,” and he should know. Vai signed him to his Favoured Nations Acoustic label for the release of Colours in 2005. Larry Carlton expressed “James is an extraordinary talent that deserves to be heard.”

Over 15 years later, Robinson quite literally marks New Beginnings with his deeply intricate yet infectiously melodic, playfully grooving and accessible debut for Innervision, The generous 14 track set (which includes three unique, rhythmically shifting three-movement tracks, “Cascal,” “New Beginnings” and “Bronze”) is a flamenco fans’ romantic dreamscape, full of speedy runs, easy loping mid-tempo tender mercies, spirited strumming, snappy percussive fire and – saving perhaps the most intricate expression for last on “Sophia” – gently lilting balladry.

Vai said of New Beginnings, “He is sounding just phenomenal on this record and his chops, tone, note choice, phrasing are all quite stellar.” But don’t take Steve and Larry’s word for it - experience these transcendent New Beginnings for yourself!"

Listen to New Beginnings here: [https://open.spotify.com/album/7dEBlbTxoPOLjLV7eLRggZ](https://open.spotify.com/album/7dEBlbTxoPOLjLV7eLRggZ?fbclid=IwAR2lw3VRAsuSn5eotBPf6_Ip1QxUuM6xdDXzq-B2HpkD7lo3reLnRtBKrE8" \t "_blank)

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