Jef Chandler Bio

Jef Chandler is an eclectic singer/songwriter from Greenville, SC, whom Mike Miller of The State in Columbia describes as a writer who records “exquisite stories told with a clarity of insight and a wry sense of humor.” A founding member of the bands Big Brown Bowl and The Bad Popes, Chandler has released eight albums since 1995, and he has toured the southeast over the past two decades, playing festivals and clubs. Adept at the art of the hook, Chandler writes memorable melodies in well-crafted songs, many of which have found radio airplay on stations throughout the US and Europe. Of Chandler’s tunes, Genevieve Will at Indie.com remarks that they are “[strangely] successful not only in merging country, rock, down-home blues, jam and pop, but also in tailoring . . . lyrics and tone to fit individual songs’ separate styles.” His songs have received radio airplay on independent radio programs around the world, with the song Empire of Idle Thoughts making the European Indie Country charts in March of 2004. Currently, Jef is playing club gigs and festivals in the southeast as a solo artist and mixing it up with various bands, including The Electrolytes, The Lackies and The Bad Popes, who released their third CD Rounders in June 2015 and are at work on a 4th. Stay tuned.