

DOUG JAMES
— AND —
THE POCKET
AMERICAN
HIP SHAKIN' MUSIC



THE BAND STORY

You probably want to know who we are right? Well, we make music that matters to us – part Blues, part Funk, part R&B, part Rock. We play real loose with the proportions though.

In 2009, former Chicago Radio DJ Doug James recruited a veteran band of Chicago musicians to form Doug James and The Pocket. Since then we've been tearing through Chicagoland with shows at The House of Blues, Buddy Guy's Legends, Hard Rock Cafe, The Store, Harlem Ave Lounge, Reggies, Chicago Blues Fest, Ribfest, and elsewhere. We finally captured our energy in a newly released CD "Leg Up," available through download on iTunes, CD Baby, and Bandcamp. Or you can get one the old fashioned way, at a gig. We've gained fans all over the world thanks to Jango and Spotify, and have appeared on WGN-TV's Friday Midday Music Show. We're also frequent guests on the Hambone Blues Radio Show on WDCB 90.9FM.

Doug James and The Pocket is a member of ASCAP.
Check out our website at www.djp6.com | 847.274.3461

A photograph of Doug James and The Pocket performing live on stage. Doug James is in the foreground, wearing a cap and glasses, looking upwards and smiling. A microphone is in front of him. In the background, another band member is visible playing a guitar. The scene is lit with warm stage lights.

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REVIEWS | QUOTES

"The new CD from Doug James and The Pocket, 'Leg Up' should come with a warning: Once you put it in your CD player, you may not be able to get it out. When I try, another great track comes up like the title track, or 'All The Guitars In Chicago', 'Just Right For Me' or that spot-on version of John Mayall's 'Room To Move', and all I can do is turn it up!

James has assembled a killer lineup of tunes that represents the best of their live shows, dripping with authentic Chicago-style rhythm and blues.

Get a leg up on DJP. They are the real deal!"

Steve Downes – Morning Drive at WDRV-FM Chicago, The Drive'

"You guys rocked the house last night!!"

Anna Lezza – Manager House of Blues, Chicago, The Foundation Room

"These guys BRING IT! Phenomenal energy and great musicianship!"

Tim Frank - Manager, Hard Rock Cafe, Chicago


"DJP is fun! What more can I say?"

Bradley Blough – Music Director, StoreFM.com

"I love listening to your music when I work out! My physical therapist [for MS] was surprised I'm so agile and upbeat. I share credit with you!"

Joi Johnson – Fan

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SONG LIST

-DJP ORIGINALS-

All The Guitars In Chicago

Bangkok Bride

Blind Owl Stomp

Blue In Memphis

Blues In Truth Out

Bottom Of The Barrel

HarpoSaurus

Home Of The Blue

Just Right For Me

The Way You Move

Trim

TV Man

Vegan Off The Wagon

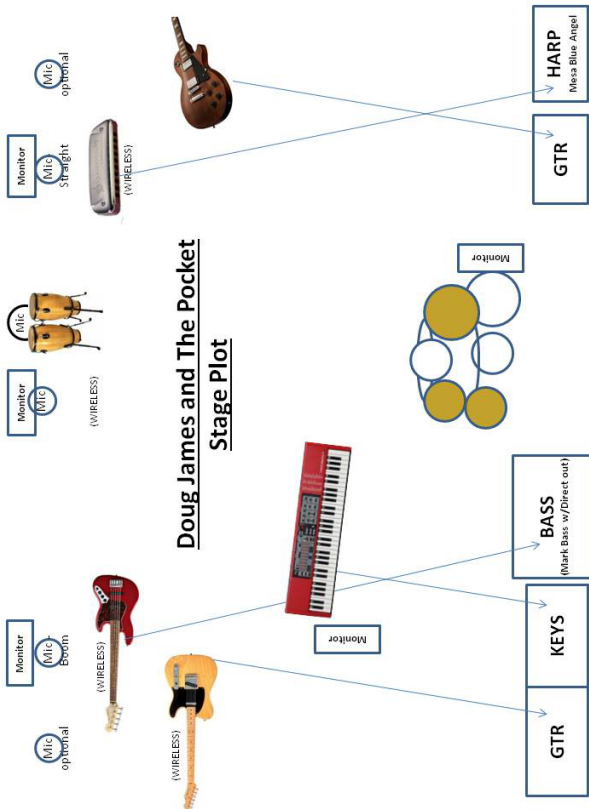
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-COVERS-

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| Albert Collins | Howlin' Wolf | Parliament |
| Albert King | James Brown | Ray Charles |
| The Allman Brothers | Jimmy Reed | Ray LaMontagne |
| Arc Angels | Joe Bonamassa | Robert Cray |
| Arthur Conley | John Hiatt | Robert Palmer |
| The Band | John Lee Hooker | The Rolling Stones |
| B.B. King | John Mayall | Roy Rogers |
| Big Joe Williams | Johnny Winter | Sam & Dave |
| Boneshakers | Jonny Lang | Santo & Johnny |
| Boz Scaggs | Jon Herrington | Sly & The Family Stone |
| Buddy Miles | Keb' Mo' | Sonny Boy Williamson |
| Charlie Musselwhite | Kenny Wayne Shepard | Sonny Landreth |
| Chuck Berry | Les McCann | Storyville |
| Delbert McClinton | Little Feat | The Subdudes |
| Derek & The Dominos | Little Richard | The Temptations |
| Elvin Bishop | Little Village | Tinsley Ellis |
| Eric Burdon & War | Little Walter | Tommy Castro Band |
| Eric Clapton | Los Lobos | Van Morrison |
| Fleetwood Mac | Lowell Fulson | Vintage Trouble |
| Freddie King | The Meters | Walter Trout |
| Gary Moore | Muddy Waters | Willie Dixon |
| Govt. Mule | Neville Brothers | Wilson Pickett |
| | Otis Rush | |

STAGE PLOTS



ACOUSTIC

Mic optional

Monitor

Mic Boom



D.I. box



Mic

Monitor

Mic

Monitor

Mic Straight



Mic optional



D.I. box



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PRESS RELEASE

DOUG JAMES AND THE POCKET GET A "LEG UP" WITH THEIR CD RELEASE

Chicago-based Doug James and The Pocket are pleased to announce the release of their inaugural CD "Leg Up," a collection of 11 songs, nine of them originals. The seven-member band has been winning over fans with their high-energy shows for the last four years and has finally captured that energy digitally.

"The first thing people always ask us is 'what kind of music do you play?' says James, who fronts the band and often doubles on keyboards. "I always tell them we call it 'American Hip Shakin', meaning we're influenced by lots of things - blues, funk, R&B, New Orleans, rock & roll - but what joins it all together is getting a deep groove on and giving folks a good time. And we try to add some extra grease."

The band's originals range from swamp, to driving boogie, to barrelhouse and ballads. In addition to having strong hooks, they often show a sly sense of humor. The songs also feature powerful harmonies, an unusual quality in the often hard-charging tunes. Also unusual are the CD's two covers - the John Mayall harp workout "Room To Move" and the gritty Gordie Johnson rocker "Groundhog Day." "Our songs tell stories," says James. "Yeah, you might be dancing, but we hope you'll wonder about the people we're singing about, too. I like to say we're the most seriously entertaining band you'll ever hear."

THE BAND IS:

Doug James: Vocals/Keyboards/Percussion

Chuck Wasserburg: Guitar (slide)/Vocals

Joe Tsikretsis: Guitars/Vocals

Dave Rix: Harmonica/Vocals

Rick Demski: Bass/Vocals

Ken Johnson: Keyboards

Billy Shaffer: Drums

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