

Doug Koyama

singer/improvisor

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Doug Koyama sings about life, peace, love and truth but you would never know it from the lyrics in his songs. Actual words are replaced by invented language and sounds that, at times, sound more like Spanish, French, Russian or Klingon than English.

Doug is on a vocal voyage of discovery into the heart of improvisation with a loop pedal. His voice is recorded and looped, bits of melody, harmony and vocal percussion are layered to create rich bed tracks over which soaring harmonies and verse and chorus are performed. Each song is completely improvised from beginning to end.

"I love music! I feel music is the natural expression of our happiness and joy as well as our sorrow and despair. It connects, it teaches, it inspires and chronicles change. Music is life and life is good."

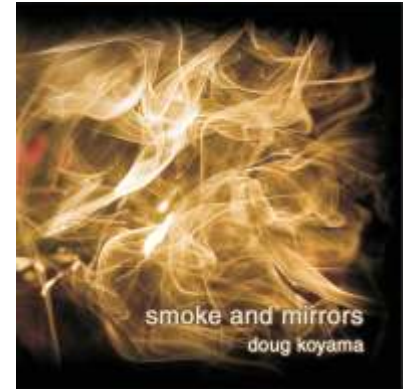
Performances

Robson Valley Music Festival, Expressions at Gold Pan City Dance, Friday Nights at Café Voltairé concert series, Live at Nancy O's, Quesnel Child Development Centre – Annual Variety Show Fund Raiser (performer and MC), Coldsnap 2011 – Open Minds with Open Mic workshop performance. Opening act for: Drum and Bell Tower, National Treasure, Sheree Plett & Eastside Jubilee.

Press

"Koyama's music can be many things. Waves of the ocean lapping on shore or seagulls flying in the air above. The sound of wind on a mountain top. It has a soaring sensation and you wonder what heights it will reach before it ends. You hope it never does." – Teresa Mallam, Prince George Free Press

"Doug has a fabulous soulful voice with an amazing range (and I'm using the word "amazing" in an appropriately meaningful context). His show involves the layering of vocal loops creating a rich texture of rhythm and harmony with solid grooves. It's the coolest thing I've heard in a while." -- Eric Tompkins, Composer, Producer, multi-instrumentalist Co-founder of Navaz



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