

Doug Hoekstra Live and on the Radio

Throughout his musical and prosaic journey, **Doug Hoekstra** has toured most of the continental U.S. (except Idaho) as well as a good chunk of Europe (England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, and Norway). performing at bookstores, coffeehouses, clubs, libraries, pubs, festivals, and castles, solo and with band in tow. Hoekstra has also shared the bill or opened for many groovy artists and peers, such as:

India Arie, Barenaked Ladies, Big Head Todd and The Monsters, John Cale, Alejandro Escovedo, Jewel, Ian Mathews, James McMurtry, Carrie Newcomer, Tim O'Brian, Gretchen Peters, Kelly Jo Phelps, Chuck Prophet, Kim Richey, Al Stewart, Gary Stewart, Keith Urban, Ad Vanderveen, Vigilantes of Love, David Wilcox and more. In his previous Chicago-based bands, Doug shared the stage with Edie Brickell and the New Bohemians, Del Fuegos, the Fleshtones, Arlo Guthrie, Hot Tuna, the Ben Vaughn Combo, Yo La Tengo, and more. We've probably forgotten some but you get the idea.

Along the way, Hoekstra also did time strumming away at every possible laminate gathering and festival groove, including but not limited to A2A Amsterdam CMJ New York, Crossroads Memphis, LMNOP New Orleans, MRMF St. Louis, NXNW Portland, SWSW Austin several times; Halsted Street Fest/Chicago, Phonofestivalen/Bergen Norway, Required Listening at the Bottom Line in New York, Southern Festival of Books/Nashville, and Summer Lights/Nashville. Again, we've probably forgotten some but you get the idea.

Many radio stations have also supported Hoekstra's work, with regular rotation and cool live radio spots, including but not limited to: Acoustic Café (several times), All Songs Considered, BBC England (many locales, including Drive Time London and the Julia Hankin Show in Newcastle), BBC Scotland (Brian Morton Show, Clare English' Celtic Connections) Crossroads Live/BTRO Netherlands, E-Town at the Boulder Theater, Hotel Milwaukee, Kentucky Homefront, Radio Live Pensacola, Woodsongs, WFUV/Rita Houston Show, WFPK Live in Louisville, World Café (several times), and WPLN Songwriter Sessions Live. Along the way, Doug also popped in at supportive radio stations far and wide, from Asheville (WNCW) to New York (WFUV/Rita Houston); Memphis (WEVL) to Nashville (WRLT); Chicago (WLUW) to Cincinnati (WNKU) and more.

You can add a World Café Summer Reading Series (David Dye) literary appearance, as well. You get the idea....

In other personal appearance, Hoekstra has earned Nashville Music Award (Best Folk Album finalist for *Rickety Stairs*), Independent Music Award (Best Pop Album finalist for *Around the Margins*), and Independent Publisher Award (Bronze Medal, Best Short Fiction for *Bothering the Coffee Drinkers*) nominations, wound up on many groovy top 10 lists, piled up lots of good memories, and met tons of wonderful people.

And there is more to come!

(photo by Devon Eloise)

