

J.C. Tokes and the Empty Pockets

This group, whose core members include Jon Curtis (lead vocals & 6-string), Chris Caruso (bass and backup vocals), and Jason Rogers (percussion), play an array of music that fits into what the late Gram Parsons coined as Cosmic American Music. This genre blends the best of old-school country along with rock-n-roll, it's a particular style of what we have all come to know as Americana. Channeling early country sounds from the likes of Johnny Cash, Buck Owens, Hank Williams Sr... vocals dashed with a little Louis Armstrong and Tom Waits... Most of all, it's an accessible performance, tailored to the audience. We lower the volume and put brushes to the drums for the soft and quiet indoor venues or break out the sticks for a dance party. Our favorite is to blend originals and covers in hopes to leave the audience wondering which is which, but we're always happy to play a two-hour set of all-originals (to avoid any BMI/ASCAP/SESAC issues, just to be honest).



Sometimes it's just background for people in the throws of conversation, often times it becomes interactive, engaging the audience, leading to chuckles and toe-tapping... even dancing.

You can listen to some original releases from the J.C. Tokes one-man-band performance on his CD "Broke Down" along with other audio and video solo and full-band recordings at:

<http://jctokes.com>

Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChz6sXC3wOtfK5JRKP52luA>

Audio: <http://www.reverbnation.com/jcTokes> & <https://soundcloud.com/jcTokes>

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