

LJ Gates

Originally formed in 1984, The LJ Gates Band has been through many incarnations. But whether playing classic rock, blues, country or originals, the focus has always been on the quality of the music. 2009 marked the 25th year performing as the LJGB and a total of over thirty years of writing songs and working in music for LJ Gates.

During the mid-eighties, LJ and the band had the opportunity to open for national acts such as Savoy Brown and Head East. Touring professionally during this time gave him a taste of the road. In 1989, the band recorded an 8 song collection called "Fantasy". It was distributed to ten major record labels, none of which took an interest. But that rejection never stopped it from selling at the venues we were playing.

In 1993, LJ Gates was the first band to play at the now regionally famous Chenango Blues Festival in Norwich, NY. Through the mid to late 90's, while working as a side-man with regional country bands, he shared the stage with artists like The Kentucky Headhunters, Toby Keith and other major acts.

Busy playing with other bands while working a day job, a lack of time slowed the song writing process through the mid to late nineties. Around 2002, LJ took a break from live performance and since then, has been writing and recording many new original songs. He is currently busy back in the live music scene showcasing this original music.

The 2008/09 CD titled "LJ Gates" is currently available, along with "Workin' Slobs" which was released in 2009/10. The song "Workin' Slobs" was nominated for song of the year by the Imprint Radio Show on CatskillRadio.org -

2010/11 found us performing at the Chenango Colorscape Festival among other various venues.

Look for another new CD in the spring of 2012.

Although LJ's focus is on acoustic performances, he also can do electric performances as requested with the band.

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