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# THE DOUG CARN WEST COAST ORGAN BAND



## OVERVIEW

THE DOUG CARN WEST COAST ORGAN BAND  
HAMMOND B-3 ORGAN & JAZZ PIANO

GENRE: Jazz, Blues LOCATION: Palm Coast, Florida

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THE DOUG CARN WEST COAST ORGAN BAND, "LITTLE B" from *INFANT EYES* [Click Here](#)

## BIOGRAPHY

Doug Carn is a National Treasure and an African American musical Icon. He is the last one in the tradition of the great organ masters, Jimmy Smith, Jimmy McGrif, Shirley Scott, "Groove" Holmes and Larry Young Jr.



*"CONTEMPLATION" LIVE in EUROPE MAY 2018*

Doug's mother, Gwendolyn Seniors Carn, studied music and Organ at Spelman College. She taught Doug the proper usage and respect for the most powerful and majestic musical instrument on earth at an early age.

Doug played alto saxophone from the age of eight and eventually majored in oboe at Jacksonville University in Jacksonville Florida from 1965 – 1966. In 1967 Doug attended Georgia State College in Atlanta to continue his musical education and take advantage of the lucrative Jazz Scene that existed in Atlanta's black community.

The Atlanta University complex and especially Jazz Clubs like Paschal's La Carousel, The Bird Cage and Dot's Lounge always featured the top local talent and major artists like, Wes Montgomery, Ramsey Lewis, Nina Simone, Lou Donaldson, Cedar Walton, George Benson, Freddie Hubbard and of course **JIMMY SMITH!**

During this time Doug Carn formed his own trio and recorded his first album on the Savoy Record Label. Also in this same time frame, Doug met and Married Jean Carn and added her phenomenal singing voice to his group.

After the assassination of Dr. King, Doug and Jean moved to Hollywood where they performed with Earth Wind and Fire on their first two recordings, **EARTH WIND AND FIRE** and **THE NEED OF LOVE** on Warner Brothers. Shortly thereafter they produced **INFANT EYES** and two other critically acclaimed and trend setting Albums that featured Doug's lyric writing as well. And even to this day, these recordings are still loved and treasured.

Soon afterwards, Doug and Jean broke up and went their separate ways. Jean went on to become an international R&B star. Doug continued to work with his own bands as well as,

performing and recording occasionally with Freddie Hubbard, Stanley Turrentine, Wallace Roney, Curtis Fuller, Benny Golson, Cindy Blackman, Houston Person, Abbey Lincoln, Javon Jackson, Eddie Henderson, Idris Muhammad, Michael Urbaniak and Charles Tolliver among others. On these shows Doug played the Piano as well as Organ and other keyboards including Moog Synthesizer.

Now back firmly in his "Organ Roots", Doug has a new group, The Doug Carn West Coast Organ Band, and a new CD; **MY SPIRIT** recorded on Doodlin' Records Label. On this

new recording Doug grooves like Charles Earland and stretches out in his own unique and multifaceted style. The My Spirit LP is getting national air play and is in Rotation on Sirius XM real jazz and several other stations. MY SPIRIT went to number 46 on



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the Jazzweek chart and number 15 on the CMJ jazz chart! The exciting and versatile band includes, Dr. Teodross Avery and Howard Wiley on Tenor Saxes and Deszon Claiborne on Drums.

The four jazz virtuosos in Doug Carn's West Coast Organ Band, together explore the unlimited possibilities of the Jazz Organ combo with two tenor saxophone voices!

Doug Carn's career dates to the 1960's as a pianist and organ master releasing eight solo album recordings on the Black Jazz label, those albums artistically combined a looser feel with a political mood that emphasized peace, love and independence, according to the website [jazzwax.com](http://jazzwax.com).

Downbeat Magazine praised his composing and arranging as well as his ensemble playing by declaring that the most attractive component of Doug's compositions and music ensembles is Doug's deft orchestrations which give the music and ensembles a much larger sound than the instrumentation would suggest.

Howard Wiley's career as a tenor saxophonist has allowed him to record and perform with the likes of Clarence Gatemouth Brown, Lauryn Hill, Lavay Smith and Amy Winehouse as well as receiving numerous awards and accolades from the Thelonious Monk Institute. He

is one of the top players in the Bay Area Jazz scene, echoing Coleman Hawkins and Dexter Gordon.

Dr. Teodross Avery's career as a tenor saxophonist has allowed him to perform in the world famous Bluenote Jazz Club, NYC with the Cedar Walton Sextet, which featured Art Farmer on trumpet. He also played in groups that either were led by or included names such as Hank Jones, Ben Riley, Harold Mabern, Betty Carter, The Roy Hargrove Big Band and Dee Dee Bridgewater. He signed his first major recording contract aged 19 in the mid-1990s and his playing maturity is evidenced on a Horace Silvers piece from the My Spirit album.

Deszon Claiborne's career as a drummer, hails from the San Francisco Bay Area, where he studied with Billy Cobham. He has worked with his long-time mentor Doug Carn, and previously performed with many artists such as Angela Bofil, Les McCann, Dr. Lonnie Smith Boz Scaggs, Donald Harrison, Ernie Watts, Tom Scott, Hueston Person Stanley Jordan and Jovan Jackson.



[OFFICIAL WEBSITE – CLICK HERE](#)

LIVE VIDEOS

THE DOUG CARN WEST COAST ORGAN BAND “*FATHERHOOD*” [LIVE IN EUROPE](#) MAY 2018

THE DOUG CARN PIANO QUINTET LIVE VIDEO [CLICK HERE](#)

## COMMENDATIONS

Doug Carn's extensive talents are evident in his musicianship and songwriting – he plays keyboards, oboe, and reed instruments and is the composer of tunes such as "Infant Eyes" and "Revelation." He's known for his work with Earth Wind and Fire and Ramsey Lewis.

(JARED McCALLISTER) *NEW YORK DAILY NEWS*.

"Doug Carn, was destined from birth to be a part of the world of music".

LEONARD FEATHER *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF JAZZ IN THE SEVENTIES*.

Doug Carn - *My Spirit LP* - (Doodlin Records)

Doug Carn is one of those artists who provide connection between the deep roots of soul jazz and explorations into the nether worlds of improvisation. You may remember him on Earth Wind and Fire's initial releases or on the classic recordings done with his wife Jean Carn.

In his new release he plays Hammond B-3 (which is to say keyboard leads and bass simultaneously) along with three of the Bay area's brightest young talents, saxophonists Howard Wiley and Teodross Avery and drummer Deszon Claiborne. Blues based with African style horn harmonies, the sweet perfume of funk wafts from both the covers (Sonny Stitt, Horace Silver, and Gene Ammons) and his own wonderful originals. Lee Morgan's tune "Mr. Kenyatta" and Carn's tunes "Chant" and especially the title tune, "My Spirit" are the stars of the disc, but it is all primo.

HOBART TAYLOR KUCI *JAZZ LIBRARY UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT IRVINE*

Jazz critic Pete Welding, said in a Downbeat Magazine Review that Carn's music's "chief distinction stemmed from leader Carn's writing for voice and horns... The vocal lines, sung by his wife were thoroughly integral parts of the arrangements, not just vocals with instrumental accompaniment." "The most attractive component of the group's music is Carn's deft orchestrations, which give it a much larger sound than its instrumentation would suggest". | [ALL-ABOUT-JAZZ](#)



DOUG CARN AND THE BLACK JAZZ LEGACY BAND performing live "*FEEL FREE*" from his famous hit LP, *REVELATION* [CLICK HERE](#)



#### LATEST SHOWS:

- ❖ Earth Conservation Corps Pumphouse November 2017 Washington D.C.
- ❖ The Jacksonville Jazz Festival – May 2017 Jacksonville FL
- ❖ Jazz Unity Foundation – Aisle 5 February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Atlanta GA
- ❖ The Savannah Jazz Festival September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Savannah, GA
- ❖ The Kuumba House of Jazz February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Santa Cruz, CA
- ❖ The Jacksonville Jazz Festival May 2012 Jacksonville, FL

YouTube PLAYLIST: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KeJa6tzoAIg&list=PL-GCyckhHkwByHM7JxdepH3Niruvn3i8X>



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Thank you for viewing and have a Hammond of a Day!