



# DOUG WHEELER

Doug began his musical career in 1960 when his parents brought the ambitious 5<sup>th</sup> grader home a drum set from a gambling trip to Reno, NV. Within 2 weeks he had formed up his first band, “The Undertakers.” Before long they were playing proms across the state line in Reno and other locals. He continued with other bands all through High School.



After returning from a tour of duty during the Viet Nam War, Doug found himself back home in Virginia at the Navy School of Music. During the remainder of his military career, Doug toured the East Coast in a band called “Fresh Produce”. While still in Virginia, Doug studied Music at William and Mary University. He continued his music education out here in Oregon where he studied under Mel Brown.



Since relocating to Oregon, Doug has found himself in numerous bands the likes of “Albatross”, “The Jessie James Band”, “The Right Stuff Band”, “The Dukes of Juke”, “Brownwood”, “The DDLemar Band”, “Darby O’Gill” and “**The ByrdBrains**”.

Doug brings the technique of a double-bass-multi-tom tom drum set to every band he has become a member of. The mixture of a high energy drumming with flare and high vocals keeps him a valued member of **The ByrdBrains**.

