

## **Doug Harris**

Born in Oak Ridge, TN, Doug began singing in church choir when he was 4 years old. Moving to Morristown shortly thereafter, he continued to sing in church into adulthood. Doug moved to Murfreesboro, TN in 1994. He worked in retail management with several cd stores in the middle TN area. There he learned much about nearly every genre of music. In addition, Doug took classes at MTSU, which included the history of popular music in America. Along the way, he began playing harmonica. It wasn't long before he started playing harmonica in area bands. He fronted the band *Fuzzy Dice Orchestra* and later the band *Built For Comfort*.

Doug moved back to East Tennessee in 2003. He began co-hosting the open mic at Brackins Blues Bar. In 2005, he and the band, *Blue Revolution* represented the Smoky Mountain Blues Society (SMBS) at it the International Blues Competition (IBC) in Memphis, TN. Over the years, Doug hosted numerous open mics as well as blues jams. He's released 2 full albums with *The Dirty Dougs* and one EP with *Mike and Doug*. In 2018 he returned to the IBC along with Mike Patty, competing in the solo/duo category. Currently, Doug fronts 4 Knoxville area bands: *The Dirty Dougs*; *Doug Harris Band*; *Doug Harris & Friends*; and *Dirty Doug & Jonny*. He co-teaches the Blues in the Schools program for the SMBS. Doug teaches harmonica at Merlins Music in Maryville, TN. Since 2014, he has been a volunteer at Blount Memorial Hospital in a program called *Rare Aire*, a medical fitness program utilizing harmonica and singing to improve lung function. The third album by *The Dirty Dougs* is set to release early spring of 2025.