

# J. GRIZZ BAND

## J.Grizz Band - the most ambitious Blues/ Rock/Variety Band in the Inland Empire!

J.Grizz fresh and not-ordinary sound experience is the most exciting to hit the cover band music scene in the last 10 years, and with over 20 years' experience of all 5 band members who could ask for more.

Their infectious groove and timeless appeal strikes a chord and oozes good vibes. Their music being accessible for listeners of all genres. IEWeekly's band of the week (June 2013) <http://ieweekly.com/2013/05/music-2/band-of-the-week/j-grizz/> continues to leave audiences begging for more.

J.Grizz Band will not disappoint, Booked at several venues in the IE up to 3 months in advance, the visionary of the lead vocalist, John who continues to freshen up the song list week after week, as to not ever play the same set the same twice. Over 50+ songs and growing.

## J.Grizz captivates your ears.

Visit the website <http://JGrizzBand.com> and [www.reverbnation.com/jgrizz](http://www.reverbnation.com/jgrizz) for music downloads, videos and much more. Also on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/jgrizzband](http://www.facebook.com/jgrizzband)

IEWEEKLY: Don't let the name fool you because J. Grizz is no run-of-the-mill band playing mountain songs. The burly name sounds like it could've crawled from the forests, fiddle in hand, but this Inland Empire based band prefers a different style (although it could probably play as mean a fiddle as Charlie Daniels). J.Grizz mainly jams with covers because it understands that people want to hear something familiar when they go out, but it can reach into its bag of tricks and pull out an original reggae/rock/alternative song (although no recordings have been made yet). Whether it's a club, a bar, a wedding or a private party, one thing is certain . . . all of the members are experienced



## Band Members:

### John "JGrizz" Plscopo Lead Vocals/Bass

John started playing bass and guitar at age 15. He played bass for the first 20 years of his music career, playing Grateful Dead "jam-band" style in 1989. He saw a lot of classic rock cover bands and eventually wanted to be able to do that. He wrote and recorded a reggae/rock CD titled *John Grizzly* while attending school up north in Humboldt County/Arcata in 2004. This group, J. Grizz, formed in 2009 as an acoustic group that blossomed into a full blown electric cover band.

### George Bonnin Drums/Vocals

George is a seasoned musician with over 35 years of experience. A music school graduate, George is proficient in a variety of musical genres and has performed with many different groups on the east coast as well as in the Southern California area. George picked up the sticks at the age of 12 when his father purchased a used Slingerland drum set and never looked back. Studied with the late great Tony Di Nicola, George lists Steve Gadd, Buddy Rich, Art Blakey and many others as influencing his musical style and technique.

### Bob Phillips Keyboards/Organ/Keytar

#### Joined Sept 2017

Started playing accordion at 5 year old and piano at 10. Classically trained pianist who won several talent [contests.in](#) the 80's. Transitioned to rock and roll after listening to Emerson, Lake and Palmer and fell in love with electronic and 'rock organ' music. Played progressive rock, country rock and classic rock when everyone else was doing Disco. Played with: Black Rose, Trinity (Christian Rock) and lately with The Jam Farmers.

### James Scheibe Lead Guitar/Vocals

Jim first picked up the guitar at the age of eight, but since the instrument was a hand-me-down acoustic guitar from his brother, with a warped neck and strings too high off of the fingerboard for him to press down on the frets, Jim switched to playing the drums for a few years. At the age of twelve at a local music store, while he was waiting to be picked up by his father after his weekly drum lesson, Jim eyed a used Fender Stratocaster hanging on the wall in the store. Jim picked it up and beheld the beauty of the guitar, and he realized this was the musical instrument he really wanted to play. On the drive home, he told his dad he would like to take guitar lessons. Jim's parents bought him a Gibson SG Deluxe and an old Vox AC-15 amplifier. Jim asked for this guitar because he had discovered the band Cream from his brother's record collection, and Eric Clapton played a Gibson SG. The guitar lessons did not go well – the guitar teacher at the music store wanted Jim to learn jazz guitar, but Jim was interested in rock and roll, so he had to teach himself guitar mostly by ear, learning the guitar parts from the LPs in his brother's record collection as well as listening to the short-lived blues radio show on late Saturday nights on KMET. Jim formed his first band - "Outlaw" in high school at the age of 17, and that band played their first professional gig in June of 1975 at a local school graduation dance. Following that summer Jim joined or jammed with other local So Cal bands, and he would also travel up the California central coast to jam with musician friends who liked to cover Grateful Dead songs for free in the park in San Luis Obispo. In 1978 Jim was invited to play the southeast coast club scene with musician friends in the band "Backslide". This band played various band member favorites including songs by Jeff Beck, Edgar Winter, the Allman Brothers Band, and the current FM radio rock songs of the day. After two years of playing weekly gigs in clubs on the east coast, Jim returned to southern California and started writing his own songs, and eventually formed his first all original 3 piece band – "Doghouse Reilly" in 1982 – their music was in a progressive rock fusion style that Jim calls "Blues Plus". At this time, Jim met the studio session guitarist Ray Gomez and started studying guitar in earnest from Ray. At the same time, Doghouse Reilly played club gigs around southern California. Following the demise of Doghouse Reilly, Jim played in various blues bands, and spent time jamming with other local blues musicians at the now closed blues club "Yesteryears" in Pomona. Jim joined the J.Grizz Band in October 2013 after being invited by the band to play with them after he had jammed with them.

## J.Grizz Band .circa 2009

"Hey guys! Great set last night in Diamond Bar -- thoroughly enjoyed."

"You guys play awesome! I have been looking for a good band that can throw out some Rock and Blues. I am a huge Stevie Ray Vaughn fan and when you guys busted out a couple of his songs I was blown away with your vocals and your Lead Guitarist playing, you guys killed it and made my whole weekend. I will absolutely keep my eyes out for your next gigs and come out and support your band. I was impressed and I also gave you some props on a Yelp review."

Stevie Ray Vaughn, Rolling Stones, Steve Miller Band, Red Hot Chili Peppers, and many more classic rock favorites!!!

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CONTROL AND SPEAK FOR  
ITSELF"**

**"GOOD VIBES AND  
HIGHTIMES"**

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