

Mp3 James Hammel - Do It All Over Again



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Singer, songwriter and guitarist performing jazz, Latin and pop-influenced arrangements of standards, pop/rock, and originals. Listeners compare him to Chet Baker ("that soft, sexy croony thing"), Sting (intensity), and John Pizzarelli (charm). 11 MP3 Songs EASY LISTENING: Crooners/Vocals, JAZZ: Jazz Vocals Details: James has had a passion for singing and playing guitar that spans decades. It was in Connecticut that James met Sal Salvador, (a former jazz great), who introduced him to jazz guitar. Sal ultimately challenged James that he belonged in the world of music, and that one day he would be compelled to embrace it completely. For the better part of his adult life, he considered those words to be wishful thinking and his music remained on the sidelines. Instead he took a 20-year detour building and leading large companies. Along the way he wrote pop songs about his life experiences that are part of his repertoire today. He also continued his focus on jazz songs creating his own fresh and eclectic arrangements of standards from the Great American Songbook. In 2001, he found himself positioned at the top of the corporate ladder looking off the edge. Never having forgotten Sal's words, he took a dramatic and courageous leap back into songwriting, arranging and performing. At first, this bewildered his family and friends, but ultimately lifted James, and them, to an unprecedented new joy and affirmation that he was fulfilling his destiny. For the past four years James has been living in New York City writing and arranging music and performing at clubs and private events, and has recorded his first full-length CD, Do It All Over Again. In addition to being well received as a solo performer at private parties, James has performed with his band in New York City at venues such as PM and multiple performances at Kavehaz (The gallery). His band includes Misha Tsiganov (piano), Steve Sweeting (piano), Daryl Kojak (piano), Nick Lazarev (electric base), Dmitri Kolesnik (upright base), Abe Fogle (drums) and a host of others including brass, strings and background vocalists.

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