

40 YEARS

Dissidenten



All you ever heard about us is true!

SAHARA ELEKTRIK TOUR 2020

40 years traveling across the boundaries of World Beat, New Classic, Jazz, Trance, Metal, Krautrock, and Electronic, have won Dissidenten a wonderfully eclectic audience around the planet. Today, their global beats are particularly relevant. With biting sound and timely political commentary, they are still pioneers of the genre. 2020 Dissidenten will celebrate their legendary album “Sahara Elektrik” live on stage.

Michael Hann, The Guardian, GB: „...they were brilliant at Womad, so good we couldn't tear ourselves away to see the main headliners on the final night!. Still political, still concerned, with solid Germanity and a shiny metal hurdy gurdy!“

„...It's not just the sunloungers the Germans get to first. Sometimes – very occasionally – they're first with music too. German rock has always had its innovators - The problem is that myopic Brits often tend not to notice, and so the achievements of our brethren from mainland Europe are belittled or ignored. That's the case with Dissidenten. They were a mystery when John Peel started playing a record they'd made called Sahara Elektrik. All he knew was that Dissidenten were from Berlin.“

„...You don't need to know anything about the band to hear the wonder of Sahara Elektrik. It seems to begin with a musical pause for breath, as if the musicians realise they've got a long journey ahead of them. A stringed instrument – an oud jumps in and sprints ahead, like a lone rider setting off before the full caravan – the bass, the percussion, the voices – follows on behind. It's music that fires the imagination: It's vivid and dramatic, swooping and soaring, sometimes sunny and sometimes stormy, digressing from its route to visit solos, but returning always to that unrelenting topline melody. Sahara Elektrik feels to me like an exploration of an imagined North Africa, one where implausible excitement and unspoiled beauty exist side by side. If I were to make a comparison, it would not be to another record, but to the Indiana Jones films – it's not real, it's a good job it's not real, but imagine if the world really were like this! Visit Dissidenten's world: it's addictive.“



Dissidenten & Mohamed Mounir – We Don't Shoot! - Tour 2017

Dissidenten selection of past festivals



Austria	Linz Brucknerfest, Afrika Festival Wien
Belgium	Sfinx Festival
Canada	Festival d'Été de Quebec, Toronto Harbour Front, Ottawa Festival
Denmark	Alborg Festival, Roskylde Festival
England	Glastonbury Festival, Womad Festival
France	Le Printemps de Bourges Festival, Nancy Jazz Festival
Finland	World Village Festival Helsinki
Germany	Expo Hannover 2000, Fusion Festival, Leverkusener Jazztage, Ruhrfestspiele, Jazzopen Stuttgart, Rockpalast, Rudolstadt Festival, Bardentreffen, Creole, Open Ohr Mainz, Masala Festival Hannover, Weltnacht Bielefeld, Stimmen Festival Freiburg, Sun Splash Festival, Finkenbach Festival, Herzberg Festival, Rheinkultur Bonn, Loreley Summer Jam, Horizonte Festival, Afrika Festival Würzburg, Stuttgart Festival der Kulturen, Donaufest Ulm, Wutzrock Festival Hamburg, Zelt Musik Festival Freiburg, Tollwood München, Leipziger Jazztage, Ludwigsburger Schlossfestspiele, Jazzfest Berlin, Gaffenberg Festival, Zeltfestival Karlsruhe
Hungary	Sziget Festival
India	Jazzfest Calcutta, Jazz India Bombay, Goa Festival, Poona Festival, Anjuna Full Moon Festival
Italy	Festival di Siracusa, Festa dell'Unita, Taneto di Gattatico, Napoli Teatro Tenda Festival
Morocco	Mawazine, L'Boulevard Festival Casablanca, Visa for Music, Rabat
Netherland	Womex Rotterdam, Amsterdam Roots Festival
Portugal	Sines Festival, Mertola Festival
Russia	Kazan Creation of Peace Festival, Perm Festival, Sayan Ring, Jekaterinenburg Festival
Spain	Etnimalaga, Bilbao Festival, Biennale Mediterraneo, Festivales de la Navarra, Jazz Murcia, La Mercé, Fiesta San Isidro, Fiesta Pamplona, Los Pirineos Sur, Festivales de Navarra
Switzerland	Montreux Jazzfestival, Afro Pfingsten Festival, Paleo Festival Nyon
Turkey	East West University Festival, Ankara
USA	Central Park Festival, New Music Seminar, Palladium NYC, La Fayette Festival Louisiana

Dissidenten Selection International Press



Tangier: Dissidenten relaxing with Paul Bowles

LA Weekly

„...Paul Bowles would have been amazed and Marshall McLuhan would have nodded sagely.... vital, intriguing, passionate and impressionistic – all of which Dissidenten is....“

NY Times

„...the adventures band from Berlin....Their albums "Life at the Pyramids," and "Sahara Electric" are a product of the "world beat" movement, led by groups like Dissidenten.“

Die Zeit

„...eine Musik, die in ihren Anfängen die Blumenkinder faszinierte, erreicht auf ihre alten Tage selbst die Techno Kids. Daheim treten sie kaum auf, dafür vor Zehntausenden in Marokko, Indien, Brasilien....“

El Pais

„...El Grupo mas multiétnico del planeta....“

Cosmopolitan

„...establishing Dissidenten as the only true heirs to Talkin Heads` „Remain in Light“ fusion....“

Stern Magazin

„...prophets from Krautrockland....“

Spirale

„...uno de los grupos seminales en el mundo de los ritmos étnicos“

Rolling Stone

„...Dissidenten, godfathers of World-Beat!“

- Christian Science Monitor** „...The burgeoning interest in musical hybrids from around the world has catapulted Dissidenten to great popularity in parts of Europe and North Africa... in the United States, too....“
- Diario de Leon** „...uno de los maximos exponentes de la fusión étnica o „World Music.“
- Times Magazine** „...pop takes a global spin..an outpouring of bizarre hybrids: German rockers Dissidenten....“
- Maroc Soir** „...irrésistible Dissidenten....a son troisième passage à Rabat, Dissidenten a encore une fois soulevé sa foule, environ 50 000 spectateurs heueux sous le beau temps retrouvé.
- Times of India** „...the right choice of chakras keeps the music lean and airborne. I knew I was in for a good ride the first of many times I asked myself, „What the hell is going on?...“
- Toronto Smash Magazine** „...the transcendent, irresistible sound will take you away to paradise. They have a magical, other worldly appeal....“
- Journal de Québec** „...Irrémédiablement indispensable.... alors Dissidenten a inventé le funk de la zone moderne, l'electro-pop sur les melodies de casbah. Dissidenten dé ent à nouveau les codes anglo-saxons....“
- The Guardian** „...they were brilliant at Womad this year, so good we couldn't tear ourselves away to see the main headliners on the final night!. Still political, still concerned, with solid Germanity and a shiny metal hurdy gurdy!
- Planeta Brazil** „...Padrinos do World Beat...Reconhecidos como pioneiros da fusao, sao tidos come cruciais para criacao do movimento Worldbeat.“
- German Music Express** „...Sahara Elektrik“ ranks among the 100 most important German records.“
- Ritmos Etnicos** „...This music presents the Bible or the Koran of Ethno-Beat or World Music, the one that marks the birth of the genre....“
- Sounds GB** „...it's ironic, but by no means surprising, that Britain ist he last European nation to open it's doors and collective minds to the most established of East/West bands, Germany's Dissidenten. The assumption that we Brits lead the field in musical trends makes it hard for us to accept that someone else has beaten us.“
- Urbain Morocco** „...Dissidenten....le group mythique...“
- Penguin Encyclopedia of Popular Music** „...Dissidenten have achieved such a reputation that they draw the likes of Brian Eno, Paul Simon, David Byrne and other Talking Heads to their show at the New York Palladium...“

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