



## Concert for Streetdogs – the very first!

In Lisbon (Portugal) there is going to take place the very first charity concert for streetdogs (February 9th, 2019). The entire revenues are donated to neglected, hurt and maltreated dogs. Famous musicians from Germany as well as Portugal support this project looking forward to an unforgettable “Rock 'n Flamenco” eve that is hardly topped with respect to its exclusiveness and intimacy.

The concert is led by the exceptional musician on the guitar named Uli Jon Roth (Scorpions / Electric Sun et al). No doubt that Roth belongs to the most popular guitar players in the world being able to shape with his style the first lp's of the Scorpions and besides, influencing a variety of other grand musicians worldwide. He was on stage with many of the well-known rock- dinosaurs (e.g. Deep Purple, Smashing Pumpkins or Robby Krieger (The Doors)) and in 2018 he again has been on tour with 'G3-Tour' – for the third time – a changing format sending the three very best guitar players around the globe.

“Either you have a very good heart or you are totally crazy. Doesn't matter, Here I am!” Uli Jon Roth spontaneously commented on our request to support and actively engage in our project. The guitar player himself is very much into animals and for the early times with Scorpions a confessing vegetarian.

Visitors of the concert look forward to a musical journey through the different stages of Roth's creative phases. Still, beyond songs from his time with Scorpions and Electric Sun he plays unique Flamenco elements as well. Whether the issue 'Rock meets Flamenco' has ever been addressed by professionals can indeed be doubted.

By the way the concert is supported by a band consisting of professional musicians from Lisbon: “Tr3solution” – a band already playing a name with her singer Célia Ramos within the Portuguese capital. They accompany the stars of the evening. More information follows later.

Our star of the evening from Portugal is the multi-talent Manuel Joao Vieira. The musician, actor cabaret artist and politician is very well known in the country: Musically wise he masters genres from Pop, Rock 'till Flamenco taking Portuguese traditions in the grain. He likes to be a regular guest in the TV shows in Portugal and he is recording his new album now.

In 2012 and 2016 he stood as a candidate for the Portuguese presidency and managed to get appreciating election results as a lone. The candidacy was also regarded with a satirical background aiming at evoking attention for corruption in the country. In 2005 his presidency has been filmed receiving the title “O Candidato Vieira” (English: “The Candidate Vieira”) and the proper subtitle “Satirical rock star runs for president of Portugal”. The candidacy of Vieira has mostly been regarded as a curiosity and satire gaining broad attention in the mass media of the country. His promises and political requirements, that is the possession of a Ferrari and getting an arrest at least once in a lifetime for each Portuguese man, has also been understood as a critique of the policy operations



and its injustice concerning the distribution of property. In Portugal the film has gained cult status and was released on DVD as well.

Let us turn back to the music of Manuel Joao Vieira: The musician is not afraid to perform all by himself with his acoustic guitar captivating the audience with his joking lyrics and his enormous musical repertoire and furthermore, the audience is going steep with Vieira's band in the back. Let's put it like that: We don't know what we will expect either but it definitely is going to be a sensation! Manuel's confirmation was like a firm handshake: Quick, snappy and binding: "I like that. Here I am!", he put it.

Another guest from Germany is the musician Chris Bay, who became famous as a lead singer of the formation "Freedom Call", especially in the metal area. It is on the horns of a dilemma that the band founder has to share with many other composers: Every now and then his inventiveness breaks the stylistic and thematic setting of his own band: "I'm a permanent songwriter, who always builds new ideas in the studio.", he explains, "therefore, many songs have been accumulated within the last years. Some that, on the one hand, do not fit the style of Freedom Call, but that are, on the other hand, too good to gather dust in the record office." The solution to his "luxury-problem": A solo project!

Concerning lyrics Bay has just written from his soul the things he always had to deal with. He says: "It is about love and experiences in life, about creating hope and maybe providing help in the one or other case. It is because there not only sunny, but cloudy days in life." Still, his optimistic nature always shimmers through.

Bay is touring for 2018 with his solo program – just with his acoustic guitar in his suitcase – through the countries of the world bringing the mood to the boil despite minimal instrumentation.

In addition we could immediately excite Chris Bay for the "Concert for the Streetdogs": "I've been often disturbed by the fact that animals are not truly respected and especially the suffering of the streetdogs all over the world. For me as a friend of animals, who regards those living creatures as equal to men, it feels like it breaks my heart. All creatures on our planet have to be treated with respect and dignity. It is a pleasure and a wish also to be allowed to play a little part in this case. Therefore, I am looking forward to this concert in Lisbon.", Chris says.

### **The concert - its original idea and story**

Frank Schürmann, economist and media designer from Haltern am See (Germany) making music himself and managing many customers in this genre, took a flight to Lisbon every now and then in order to support an animal welfare organisation there. The latter saves neglected, sick and maltreated streetdogs and dogs from a killing- station. A private animal shelter ca. 40 kilometres from the south of Lisbon, delivers the dogs to the families. Frank Schürmann supports the dogs as a flight sponsor for a German organisation.



One day before such a flight Schürmann was walking through the musical district of Lisbon called “Bairro Alto”. “For the last beer I passed by a small club where I accidentally met Tr3solution and their singer Célia Ramos. The band was playing live and I was flashed right away- so to say.”, Schürmann explains. Very quickly it became clear that the members of the band facing those animals as well. The singer Célia nurses neglected cats herself: “Célia had the idea.” Schürmann explains. “Just close after we got to know each other, she made the suggestion of a charity concert for animals. We attended clubs in order to find a location, talked to known musicians in both countries, created a band of local musicians in Lisbon, talked to sponsors and animal welfarists, dealt with financial issues and worked on many problems until the plan for the first concert was done. Now we look forward to the concert on February 9th, 2019 in the Titanic Club taking place in the heart of the centre of Lisbon at the Tejo river- the very first ‘Concert for the Streetdogs ’. We have a crazy mixture of musicians, who probably never had met on stage together without their love for animals and our idea behind.”, Schürmann says. “And in case the concert will be a success, there is nothing against a remake in 2020 on our part!”

### Where do the revenues go?

Complete revenues are donated for the streetdogs. In this case we deliberately have decided to choose a small animal welfare organisation in Portugal, who exclusively is operated by volunteers of hard working friends of animals: P.A.T.A.S. (Proteccao aos Animais sem Tecto para Adopcao e Salvaguarda) is dedicating to animals active support. For this a private animal shelter is operated in the vicinity of Lisbon - with indigent animals having priority. Even though all people concerned commit to their work voluntarily, essential things are missing: medicine, money for medical treatments and medical bills, food, fences, cottages, blankets and uncountable other things being necessary for the well-being of the animals. Here we want to provide support by donating the revenues to the shelter. It goes without saying that we are going to report about that after the concert.

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## Concert for Streetdogs

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**Tickets: Presale 25,00 € / Doors 29,00 € / Special Meet & Greet VIP-Tickets 35,00 €**

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Doors: 21:00 Uhr / Begin: 22:00 Uhr

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