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It's certainly a thrill to announce that the new dates for COME TOGETHER - THE HAMBURG BEATLES EXPERIENCE have finally been set.

From 30 June to 1 July 2023, we'll celebrate the Fab Four, their time in Hamburg and the musical legacy of the most influential band to date. The full program will be published when pre-sale will be announced, but we're already revealing some highlights.

Like everyone else we had to face the seriousness of the Corona pandemic. At the beginning of March last year, we had to cancel the festival which was originally scheduled for 2020 - the 60th anniversary of the arrival of The Beatles in Hamburg.

Let's face it: Social distancing does not go hand in hand with Beatlemania and "Safety's still first" Now we're happy to announce that the festival dedicated to John, Paul, George and Ringo, Stu & Pete and the red-light district of St. Pauli will take place in the - hopefully - restriction-free summer of 2023!

As the pandemic forced us to rethink the programming of the festival, we had planned for 2020, we've used the time to nuance our line-up. We're pleased to say that we now have expert promoter and tastemaker Karsten Jahnke on board of the Come Together Experience. Jahnke has helped us hold on to highlights from the original festival-programming and get some outstanding new acts for the festival. For now, we'll reveal only some of them:

We're thrilled to welcome the world-famed rock'n'roll guitar player Earl Slick, longtime sidekick of David Bowie and the one who laid down glorious guitar tracks on John Lennon's and Yoko Ono's masterpieces "Double Fantasy" and "Milk & Honey". Apart from that, Slick worked with the likes of Robert Smith from The Cure, The New York Dolls and Phantom, Rocker & Slick and is pretty active with his own band as well.

The Earl Slick Band will perform an exclusive "Tribute to John Lennon & The Beatles Set" at the Come Together Experience".

Moreover, he will host a screening of the BBC Documentary „Rock'n'Roll Guns for Hire: The Story of The Sideman" and will stage „Slicky Speaks", a spoken words & guitar performance that will answer questions on his career and body of work with John Lennon und David Bowie.

What is a Beatles festival without a great tribute band? The Bootleg Beatles, who were formed from the original cast of London's West End multi-media stage show 'Beatlemania' have perfected their sound, look and style for more than 40 years, thus it's not surprising that the quartet is playing renowned venues like Royal Albert Hall, Liverpool Philharmonic Hall and the State Hall in Sydney on their current tour. In 2023 they'll be ready to take over Hamburg with hits from the entire career of the Fab Four.

"Off-the-scale fabulous" - Chris Evans, BBC Radio

"Exhilarating" ★★★★★ - The Times. (The Royal Albert Hall with the Liverpool Philharmonic)

"Mind-boggling accuracy" - The Mail on Sunday

"Who can we thank for the mop-top?

We saw a guy in Hamburg whose hair we liked. John and I were hitchhiking to Paris (October 1961). We asked him to cut our hair like he did his. He was living in Paris. His name was Jürgen. He cut our hair and that was the beginning of the Beatles haircut." Paul McCartney, 1980

"His sense of style was to have a profound effect throughout our careers" Paul McCartney, 1997

It's safe to say that the 82-year-old born Hamburger Jürgen Vollmer has made the legendary haystack The Beatles' trademark. Vollmer alongside fellow "Exies" Astrid Kirchherr and Klaus Voormann befriended the Beatles in the early sixties and became one of their regular photographers and was even responsible for some of their most iconic images in their leather-clad days.

In 1975 one of these photos made it to the front cover of John Lennon's „Rock ,n' Roll - album“

“Jürgen Vollmer was the first photographer to capture the beauty and spirit of the Beatles. We tried very hard to find someone with his touch [...] nobody could.” John Lennon 1975 on Vollmer's Photobook *Rock 'n' Roll Times*

In 2023 he'll take us back to where it all began, offering insights on the early rock'n'roll days of St. Pauli and, of course, the origin of the mop-top. Along with other experts and contemporaries from The Beatles' Hamburg days Jürgen Vollmer will highlight what this period meant for the band's development into the most influential musicians of the modern era. We'll open the doors to original sites like the Indra and the former Top Ten Club (today: moondoo) where the boys rocked the stage by the hour and lay the foundation stones of their career.

Come Together is a dive back in time as well as a look at the present. The Beatles have influenced the music-world – and perhaps its scene in Hamburg in particular – more than any other band and continue to do so. We can't wait to come together with fans and artists to relive this epic period in the Beatles' career as well as take a look at the band's lasting influence on music.

Stay tuned through our website, newsletter and social media. More info on the program and venues will follow as soon as pre-sale will begin.

We wish we could say "it won't be long" until we start celebrating the 63rd anniversary of The Beatles arrival in Hamburg. But we are already looking forward to inviting fans and artists on a “Magical Mystery Tour” of the Hamburg that formed the Fab Four.

Warmest regards

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