



## COME TOGETHER - THREE DAYS OF BEATLEMANIA IN HAMBURG!

*Finally, and just in time for the 60th anniversary Hamburg celebrates the greatest band in the world; with **Come Together- The Hamburg Beatles Experience**, a three-day festival. Expect international bands, Hamburg local heroes and contemporaries paying tribute to the Fab Four with concerts, battle of the bands, singalongs, readings and talks and exhibitions.*

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**Hamburg, 10 February 2020** - over 40 bands from across the world and stars of the Hamburg music scene such as Dokter Renz (Fettes Brot), Bernd Begemann, Dirk Darmstädter or Olli Schulz together will celebrate the greatest band in the world in the place where it all began - in Hamburg's red light district of St. Pauli.

This extravaganza with its 100 events at 25 venues has far more to offer than exclusive musical performances at original Beatles venues like the Indra, the Kaiserkeller or the former Top Ten Club (now the Moondoo) - the places and stages where the Fab Four's legendary career set off.

Besides performances by top-notch international tribute acts like THEM BEATLES from Liverpool or BAMBI KINO from New York, the FLAMING SHAKERS from Barcelona, Rockabilly and Merseybeat bands THE BLACKJACKS and THE SHAKERS from the UK, authentically performing the early Beatles raw rock'n'roll sound, there'll be an extensive framework program.

"The World Authority on the Beatles ", author Mark Lewisohn and New York pop historian Julia Sneeringer as well as Hamburg contemporaries such as Jürgen Vollmer, Rosi Sheridan, Mary Dostal or Günter Zint will provide the audience with fascinating insights about the band's history and 60s' Rock'n'Roll St. Pauli.

Furthermore, Mark Lewisohn will come up with a very special highlight for the fans on Sunday. The Beatles luminary will present his, in the UK frenetically celebrated, one-man multimedia show HORNSEY ROAD for the first time and one night only in Germany; paying tribute to a pop cultural milestone, the album *Abbey Road*, at the St. Pauli Theatre in his own way. There'll be single tickets on offer for this event.

**Stefanie Hempel**, musical director and host of COME TOGETHER says: "The International Beatles Week in Liverpool has been a constant in the lives of many Beatles fans for over 30 years. Therefore, it's about time for a similar event taking place where this unequalled story of success began. While planning this festival it's been really important to us not to create COME TOGETHER as a nostalgic reminiscence of The Beatles but to show how contemporary and influential this great heritage, the band has left to Hamburg, is. For both fans and artists."

In addition to this wide program there'll be special formats like the HOLY PLACES, a staging of some original Beatles locations which will be accessible exclusively for COME TOGETHER.

The Molotow will host a different kind of band tribute, a very young format: The “Battle of the Bands – Beatles vs. Stones” presents Indie bands such as Fotos, Gurr, Mint Mind, Jooles or Swutscher performing their very own interpretations of Beatles and Stones classics.

At Club Gruenspan the festival offers a great singalong with festival host Stefanie Hempel and the Hamburger Kneipenchor, turning the club into a giant human Beatles jukebox. Every festival visitor will get the chance to join in and sing the songs of their heroes.

As literary highlights Frank Goosen will read from his recently published book “Acht Tage die Woche – Die Beatles und ich” (Eight Days a Week - The Beatles and I) and Rolling Stone journalist Maik Brüggemeyer will read from a selection of his own texts on The Beatles.

Bands that certainly shouldn't be missing at a Beatles homage in St. Pauli are, of course, the legendary Rattles and – as a special highlight - the first all-female rock group, the Liverbirds. Both bands rocked the Star-Club stage back in the day.

The festival's initiators take great pride in luring guitar legend Earl Slick to Hamburg. Earl Slick has worked with John Lennon, Yoko Ono and David Bowie. Within the frame of his *Slicky Speaks Music Talk* he'll perform songs and riffs from Double Fantasy alongside his partner Jesse Smith and talk about his time with John Lennon.

The festival kicks off with a Grand Opening on Friday at 6pm at Große Freiheit 36. Besides a presentation of several festival artists a number of surprise guests can also be expected.

The program including many more events is now online at

[www.cometogether-experience.com](http://www.cometogether-experience.com).

Tickets can be purchased exclusively through the website.

Mediapartners of the festival are NDR 90,3 and Hamburg Journal.