

Transylvanians

hungarian speedfolk



András Tiborc: violin, bass, vocals
Isabel Nagy: vocals, doublebass
Hendrik Maaß: guitar
Attila Czibi: drums
Alex Kulikowski: accordeon

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Since 1995 Transylvanians are a phenomena of today's roots-music scene. Based in Berlin, the four musicians create with their Hungarian Speed-Folk a mixture of rap, rock, Bartok, ska and punk. Their live appearances invariably turn into ecstatic dance orgies but Transylvanians can also seduce the audience with the ballads and love songs in their repertoire. The lust for life that characterizes their live shows. They give new life to the old traditions and turning then to now.

The devilish violinist *András Tiborc*, responsible for arranging and composing, whom the public love to carry on their hands, comes from Hungary and Hungarian is the language of the band's songs. He sweeps the audience away with his energy-loaded, ferocious playing.

The front-woman is *Nagy Isabel*. Her double-bass playing and voice meltdown into a deceptively gentle mood only to suddenly erupt with breath-taking energy.

Add ambidextrous guitarist *Hendrik Maass* and powerhouse drummer *Attila Czibi* and you've got one hot goulash heavy on the paprika.

In 2011 the excellent accordeon player *Alexej Kulikowski* joins the band.

This line-up evokes the stories of generations of Hungarian life as told in the traditional songs. The combination of their different musical backgrounds provides the creative tension of the band and produces exciting and vivid new music.

The name "Transylvanians" is often with the Dracula myth and when that conjures up visions of a mysterious underworld where, in the night, bats go hunting and dark forces awake uncontrollable passions which drive people to madness, then this is not in the least inappropriate. Transylvania, the musical source of the band, is a strip of land that belonged to Hungary until the First World War and is now part of Romania. Many people from different cultures live there: Hungarians, Romanians, Siebenbürgensachsens and Gypsies.

- Lisse Castlefest NL 2014
- Kostrzyn, Festungstage PL 2012
- Budapest, Gödörclub HU 2011
- Perm, Folkfestival RU 2011
- Czeremcha, Folkfestival PL 2010
- Berlin, SO36 DE 2010
- Berlin, Karneval der Kulturen DE 2009
- Castlefest Lisse NL 2008
- Dijon FR 2008
- Cserfő Igricfesival HU 2008
- Cafe Mokka, Thun CH 2001/03/06
- Folkwoods Festival NL 2000/05
- Dranouter Festival BE 2005
- Labadoux Festival BE 2005
- Fete de Culture LU 2004
- Ariano Irpino IT 2004
- Melkweg, Amsterdam NL 2001/03
- Rote Fabrik, Zürich CH 2003
- Stadtfest Wien AT 2003
- Koren, Open-Air CZ 2002
- Woodstock, Open-Air PL 2002/03
- Lowlands Festival NL 2002
- Glasgow GB 2001
- London GB 2001
- Bardentreffen, Nürnberg DE 2000/04
- Rudolfstadt, Folkfestival DE 1999

Discographie:
2007 "Fél és egész"
2004 "Igen!"
2002 "Live in Berlin"
2000 "Denevér"
1999 "Jó"
1998 "Öröme"

