

KEN GURU & THE HIGHJUMPERS

- BANDINFO -

Line-Up

Vocals/Trombone	Markus Mehlig
Trombone	Pascal Hien
Tenor Saxophone	Jean-Paul Mendelsohn
E-Guitar	Maximilian Kunze
Bass Guitar	Tommy Schirmer
Organ	Philipp Bellmann
Drums	Björn Reinemer

Press Release

Bone breakin'- Hip shakin'- Finger lickin'- Ass kickin'- Chart hittin'- Blood spittin'

You can't describe the sound of these 7 young boys from Dresden any better. With this musical bastard formed both by Jamaican and British influences KEN GURU & THE HIGHJUMPERS hit the road and amounted much: Which band in their age (the oldest member is 20) can call their selves support-act of well known artists as The Skatalites, The Aggrolites, The Toasters, The Pioneers and many others? Here you are! But don't let us get bedazzled by facts, because the boys got much more in store than first-class references: To put it bluntly, they're playing Reggae best grade. Reggae, which undermines the legacies of the 60s: Soul, Beat, Funk and the catchy song writing of that time, concentrated on the essential ingredients of a song.

Driven by a tight rhythm section, this reggae-heavy-weight comes into action, gathering power on its way from 2 Trombones and a Saxophone, getting its final missing strength from the catchy vocals and is gaining a punch this way, which is powerful enough to kick the last idle listener straight out of his socks.

And if this punch hits you, you gonna turn the other cheek freely...

References

(selection, full overview: [Webseite](#) → SHOWS)

05.12.2004 Groove Station / Dresden
/w The Toasters (USA)

04.04.2005 Groove Station / Dresden
/w The Aggrolites (USA)

25.06.2005 This is Ska Festival / Wasserburg / Roßlau
/w Doreen Shaffer (JAM) & The Stingers ATX (USA), Roddy Radiation & Skabilly Rebels (GB)

16.07.2005 Roots-Festival / Filmnächte / Dresden
/w Lee "Scratch" Perry (JAM), La Kinky Beat (MEX), Dr. Ring Ding (D)

18.11.2005 Reithalle/ Straße E / Dresden
/w The Skatalites (JAM)

18.03.2006 Haus Leipzig / Leipzig
/w Rude Rich and the Highnotes (NL)

02.12.2006 Kassablanca / Jena
/w The Pioneers (JAM)

05.03.-14.03.2008 Germany and Poland Tour

06.03.08 Engelsburg / Erfurt
/w The Impalers

22.03.08 Record Release / GrooveStation / Dresden

23.03.08 Easter Ska Jam / Conne Island / Leipzig
/w The Caroloregians, The Moon Invaders, Doreen Shaffer

11.05.08 Alte Kaffeerösterei / Plauen
/w The Moon Invaders

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