

# The Real Hot Down South Party

# ZYDECO- PLAYBOYS

Germany's hottest  
Zydeco, Cajun, Rhythm & Blues,  
Since 1994



Accordion-Groove -  
Latin-R&B and TexMex!  
Live on Tour!

## **The Zydeco-Playboys** - a Louisiana- und Down-South-Party!:

This band's versatility is constantly growing to meet the needs of an ever expanding public. Bandleader and -former Oliver Kraus (accordion + lead vocals) started them in 1994 with traditional Zydeco music, then they "zydecoized" rock, blues and cajun. Up to now they've mixed their "sauce piquante" into texmex, latin and rhythm&blues, too! They perform highly acclaimed own songs and also songs from Buckwheat Zydeco, C.J. Chenier, Zachary Richard as well as Los Lobos, Iguanas, Van Morrison, Golden Earring, Chuck Berry, Ray Charles, CCR, Willy de Ville...

This is high energy music! Consult your doctor before listening to this band; because you're going to lose a lot of weight dancing to their music. As one of the best Zydeco-bands from Europe, they will charge up your soul and put fire under your feet and offer you a complete accordion-danceparty. So get up and shake your bootie and feel the roots of down-south...

**DIRTY LINEN** - USA - Paul Hartmann -

*"..take a pinch of C.J. Chenier, a spoonful of vintage Nick Lowe, stir in a dollop of Los Lobos and bake em in a German oven - and the resulting concoction is Zydeco-Playboy's splendid "Superficial Satisfaction?"...it totally works from a dance sensibility, mainly due to the crafty arrangements, infectious melodies, endless hooks, effects and surprises...."*

**BLUES NEWS** - Germany (Dirk Föhre)-

*"..Your CD is terrific without any doubt. A very well production on an extremely high level... A hot candidate for the award "Vierteljahrespreis der Deutschen Schallplattenkritik" ...."*

**HOME OF ROCK** - Germany (Joachim Domrath) -

*"..a heavy thing of music...magnificent arrangements with real class..."What you awaitin' for" is a rhythm-shell class A with a fat accordion - "Stir you up" a hammermixture within Texas-Boogie-Rock, Cajun&Zydeco and hot guitars - up to "Voodoo in the Bayou" - Dr. John-Jamrock par excellence with fine percussion - to the bluesyjazzy tune "Superficial Satisfaction" (I think Sonia Dada is greeting here) - The instrumental level of this band don't even reach Chris Bellau & ZydecoHounds ....Man, this stuff is fun!*

**ZYDECOM** - USA (Gary Dauphin) -

*"..This CD ("Womens only?") Is so darn good... So what if these guys weren't born near the rice fields of Lake Charles? They still play Zydeco the way it was meant to be played: from the heart..."*

**ROOTS MAGAZINE** - Belgium (George Tonla) -

*"..you ask if I like it? It is the best Zydeco-CD I heard in month!...."*

**RADIO HOSTEBRO** - Danemark (Kjell Andreassen) -

*"..The best Zydeco I ever heard!..."*

**RADIO THORSHAMMER** - Norway (E. Henriksen) -

*"..I couldn't believe this is a german band..."*

**ROOTS MUSIC BRUSSELS** - Belgium (G. van Pevenage) -

*"..Hun eerste cd "Women's Only?" was meteen een voltreffer."*

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Laissez les bons temps rouler!

## The group Line-up:

Oliver Kraus	Accordion und Leadvocals	Member since:
Richard Schwarz	Drums, Rubboard, Vocals	Former
Volker Klenner	Guitar, Vocals	1994
Thomas Küsters	Bass, Vocals	2006
Christoph Dreyfuss-Wilde	Percussion & Rubboard, Vocals	2007
		2005

**Live-Gigs abroad e.g.** - Internat. Cajun & Zydecofestival - Raamsdonk, Holland 1997 + 2002 + 2008 + 2014 + 2019 , Norwegen Dalane Bluesfestival 2011 , St. Gallen/CH New Orleans Festival 2013 + 2018 , CountryFestival Adliswil/CH 2016 , Jazz am See Rorschach/CH 2015 + 2019 , Zürich/CH, Doppelkonzert mit CJ Chenier 2014 , Emmen-Open-Air Outdoor Rhythm Hauptbühne! (Ärzte,T.Ferro,u.a.), Schweiz, Lichtensteiger Jazzfestival - Lichtensteig, Schweiz , Bluestimefestival Wetzikon/CH \* , 4th Cajun & Zydeco Night - Brüssel, Belgien , 7e Nuit Cajun et Zydeco 2001 - Saulieu/Burgund, Frankreich ...

**In Germany e.g.** Landesgartenschau Lahr 2018, Idstein Jazzfestival 2013+2014+2017 , Monsheim Kulturverband 2005 + 2009 + 2018 , Winnenden Stadtfest 2016 + 2019 , Erlangen Jazzbandball - Best of Roots Festival Bietigheim - Bayreuth St.Georgen swingt - alle in 2016 , Tollwood-Sommerfestival München, 2014 , Bielefeld Jazz 2012 , Jazzlights Oberkochen 2011 + 2017 , Folk&Bluesfest Norderney 2009 , Jazzfestival Burghausen (mit Marceo Parker ,B. Cobham u.a.) , Im Residenzhof Kultursommer - Kempten , Konstanzer Seenachtsfest - Konstanz, Bodensee , Bundesgartenschau Gelände, Magdeburg, Jährliches Gastspiel in der Halle e.V. Reichenbach, Burg Hohenneuffen, CJE Backnang, NewOrleansFestival Fürth, Antenne 1 Hechingen Vida Loca , , 15-Jahr-Feier im Stiftshofkeller JazzClub Weinstadt , mit Robben Ford in Salierhalle - Winterbach, Stadtfest Immenstadt, Bodensee , uvam. ..

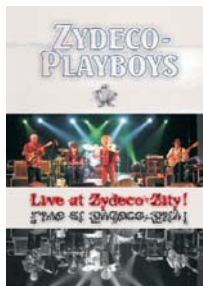
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## 2021 New-CD "Just do it"



DVD-Release: \_\_\_\_\_

DVD "Live at ZydecoZity



## Some Sampler-Releases:

Cajun & Zydeco Sampler Vol. III	ShowBiz BluesSampler	Cajun&Zydeco X-MasSampler	Cajun&Zydeco Sampler Vol. I	BluesNews Collection 1
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Releases:

Digital-Release "Red means Fire!" auf iTunes u.v.a.m.	CD "The Melting Pot Collection"	CD "Superficial Satisfaction?"	CD "Live Specials"	CD "Womens' only?"

## Other highlights - please ask for complete Pressbook!

Live e.g. in Europe: Norway Dalane-Blues-festival 2011, Netherlands ZydecoZityFestival 1997,2002,2008,2014,2019 . Switzerland Concert with CJ Chenier 2014 Belgium Cajun+ZydecoNight 2002, Switzerland Concert with Lynn August 1997, France Nuit Cajun et Zydeco 2001,Switzerland St.Gallen NewOrleansFestival 2013,2018, Switzerland Emmen Outdoor 2002, Live e.g. in Germany: Norderney Folk-&Bluesfestival 2009, Hamburg Wedel FEstzelt 2011, Oberkochen Jazzlights 2011, Pleinfeld Folk&BluesNight 2008, Burghausen Jazzfestival 2003, Munich Tollwood Festival, Winterbach with Roben Ford 2002, Bayreuth St. Georgien swingt 2016, Jazzfestival Idstein 2013,2014,2017, many more..

TV-Broadcast 2013 in German SWR.

2014 Oliver was nominated for German Blues Awards