

Jukes News from Abroad
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THE JUKES ARE BACK IN TOWN!

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October 29th, 2011 and the Jukes were back in town... Osnabrück, that is!

“This place used to be a cinema”, explained Reiner Borgmeyer to me as we looked around at the décor in the Rosenhof auditorium while the Greatest Bar Band in the



World were acquainting themselves with the stage that was the last stop on their 2011 European Tour. Having the Jukes come to Lower Saxony has become a very welcome tradition these last few years and it is always sooooooo good to have them, even if it is just for a couple of fun-filled-rock-filled-blues-filled-sod-the-set-list-filled hours.

The Rosenhof was a new venue for the band and it seemed as if they bonded well... Anna, Carina and the other Rosenhof crew did a bang up job of looking after everyone and in addition, Jan Flemming, studio boss from local radio station, Hit Radio Antenne, plugged the gig on his “Weekend Tips” slot. “I know Johnny from an NBA video – and I liked the song – so I thought – that is good music... that’s why I put it in our Tips for the Weekend”, said Jan when I caught up with him. The NBA clip actually featured “I’ve Been Working Too Hard” but Jan’s radio plug included a blast of “I Only Want To Be With You” which sounded simply kickassJukes to me!



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Another Osnabrück tradition was the opening act for the Jukes, Essen's own, Martin Praetorius. I've mentioned Martin before explaining that he toured with Joe Grushecky and the Houserockers back in '96 with his then band, the Streethearts. Of course, if you were lucky enough to be at the Springsteen Convention in Amersfoort that year, you would have had the treat of a lifetime



watching these two great bands rockin' their respective socks off! These days, Martin still plays with a great band of musicians, evidence of which can be heard on his ab-fab new CD, Affairs of the Heart. He also plays solo and that's what we got in Osnabrück. Forty-five minutes of pure passion from someone who loves what he does and does what he loves – click on this link:

<http://martinpraetorius.bandcamp.com/album/affairs-of-the-heart>

... and you'll hear what I mean.

As for the gig itself, well the bottom line was on You Tube the day after the show so, my advice is you click on the link I've listed below and enjoy the EuroJukes, first-hand, for yourselves, and say "thank you" to Klaus!



Photographs of the show are courtesy of Mrs Klaus Boettger, also known as Gundula to her friends, who in true "Dirty Dancing" style, had the time of her life when Johnny picked her out of the audience to dance/sing/cavort in the dark with him and the Jukes during "We're Havin' A Party" – something to do with the asburyjukes.net t-shirt Gundula was wearing having caught Johnny's attention during the course of the show... could it have been the fluorescent word "Jukes" that did the trick, perhaps??!!

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In any case, I think it's fair to say that Gundula *did* have a party and hey, you never know... maybe this strictly-come-dance-with-me-a-la-Courtney-Cox-mode could be the start of a new trend for future Jukes' shows!

From my side, I have to say I felt a little bit melancholy during the course of the evening... it suddenly hit me that it had been 10 years since Jukestock and that yes, we were all ten years older. Jukestock alumni at the Rosenhof included Mike and Dave aka, the Druids, Gisela, Carol, Karen, me and of course, Johnny, Jeff, Glenn, Chris, Eddie, Joe Bellia, Joe Prinzo and Hood. Mike, Dave, Dan and me reached up and touched the sky together... four hands, four voices, four friends, forever Jukes fans.

Thank you guys, it was great to have you play in our backyard.



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-HYpqPIx3M&feature=list_related&playnext=1&list=SP487A1E1DF71A7157

<http://nuna.eastcoastmusic.de/2011/10/southside-johnny-the-asbury-jukes/>

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