

Die Ärzte Biography 2004

- 1982:** The Berlin based punk band *Soilent Grün* turns into **die ärzte**: Farin Urlaub (guit.), Bela B. (drums) und Sahnje (bass).
- 1983:** Berlin indie-label *Vielklang* to put out the first **die ärzte**-releases
- 1984:** The Band wins the local music competition and starts a huge series of live-gigs, signs a deal with CBS and releases their debut »Debil«.
- 1986:** Bassist Sahnje to quit the band, being replaced by The Incredible Hagen.
- 1987:** **die ärzte** to become the most-censored band of the Western world: 3 songs, 2 albums, a concert poster and coinciding ticket are being labeled as youth-threatening items.
- 1988:** At the end of a ground-breaking 3-months-long tour being topped by a legendary show on the island of Sylt, the band decides to call it a day. The resulting triple Live-album enters number one of the German sales charts.
- 1993:** The German music trade-mag *Musikmarkt* prints the following sensational advertisement: »Die Ärzte (Best Band in the World) looking for record company.« The label Metronome gets the deal and releases »Die Bestie in Menschengestalt«. The bass is now played by Rodrigo Gonzalez, who used to be in the German trio *The Rainbirds* and also shared a project with Bela called *Depp Jones*.
- 1994:** Extensive touring which includes 5 sold out nights in a row at Hamburgs legendary Club *Docks*
- 1996:** The rhythm groups dream come true: **die ärzte** get to support the KISS reunion tour as their Special Guest. At the famous *Rock am Ring Festival* they're playing in front of 100.000 people.
- 1998:** **die ärzte** are founding their own record company »Hot Action Records«. The 14th album is called »13« and the first single breaks all sales records. The matching music clip features original Tomb Raider's Lara Croft.
- 2000:** The new album »Runter mit den Spendierhosen, Unsichtbarer!« to be released in a fluffy, polar-blue plush bag. The following tour attracts about 300.000 fans to go see their 3-hours-shows in venues all over Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Their DVD »Killer«, by accident, wins an Innovation award.
- 2001:** The official band bio, as big and as heavy as a tombstone, hits the bookstores and finds itself on no. 13 of the book charts published on a weekly basis by Der Spiegel. **die ärzte** are embarking for a reading tour, taking place in movie theatres in G/S/A.
- 2002:** By MTV-invitation **die ärzte** are recording a six-hour-long unplugged session in a Hamburg High School assembly hall, featuring the entire school orchestra and choir.
- 2003:** The 29th of September has seen the release of the double album »**Geräusch**«. Ticket sales for the December-tour have been increasing throughout the summer to being absolutely sold-out.
- 2004:** After a # 1 Album, a # 1 first single »**Unrockbar**« and two top 15 singles (»**Dinge von denen**« and »**Nichts in der Welt**«) **die ärzte** are currently playing an extensive Tour through sold out Arenas and Stadiums all over Germany, Austria, Switzerland and even Italy. The release of the fourth single »**Deine Schuld**« is scheduled für July 12th and the first Live double DVD release »**Die Ärzte im Konzert - Die Band, die sie Pferd nannten**« is expected for the 23rd of August.