

## Artist biography: Hannes Drobetz as „Benny“

Star sign: Capricorn

Born in Neunkirchen, Lower Austria. Study of piano, voice and songwriting at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts, at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna and at Konservatorium Wien University in Vienna. Study of Spanish at the University of Vienna.



Extensive musical activity as a singer, pianist, composer and arranger. Involvement in numerous projects in a wide variety of styles – from opera to jazz, from symphony orchestras to rock bands. Hannes Drobetz has worked together, among others, with: Dennis Jale, Wolfgang Ambros, Christian Kolonovits, Alfons Haider, Marika Lichter, Uwe Kröger, Zabine, Ludwig Hirsch, Gary Lux, Michael Seida, Sweet Inspirations (background choir of Elvis Presley), TCB Band (original band of Elvis Presley), Vienna Symphony Orchestra, Ambassade Orchestra of Vienna.

Coaching and musical rehearsal assistance for the Austrian national television casting show “Musical!” Songwriter, lyricist and arranger; frontman of his own musical solo project with German-language pop and rock songs. ([www.hannedrobetz.com](http://www.hannedrobetz.com))

Theater productions as a repetiteur, arranger, singer and musical director at the *Burgtheater*, *Volkstheater*, *Renaissancetheater*, *Wiener Volksoper*, *Schlosstheater Schönbrunn Wien* and *L.E.O.* (“*Letztes Erfreuliches Operntheater*”), all in Vienna.

Instructor at the Vienna Conservatory and the Performing Center Austria.

Soloist as “Benny” in “**THE REAL ABBA tribute**” since 2008.