

Artist biography: ANDY FREUND as „Bjoern“

Star sign: Libra

“The Rock Voice himself” has been a familiar name in the Austrian music scene and beyond for many years. The charismatic singer and musician (guitar, saxophone, clarinet and harmonica) has participated in the Eurovision Song Contest several times. Most recently he accompanied Manuel Ortega in 2002 and Tie Break in 2004.



He has been involved in numerous musical tour productions, including activities with the United Stages of Vienna (VBW) such as “Rockin’ Musical” or “A Tribute To ABBA.”

Andy Freund has also served as a background singer for the Austrian national TV production “Dancing Star” and has been active as a singer, composer and lyricist in live and studio productions for such acts as Brunner & Brunner, Vico Toriani, Udo Jürgens, Gary Lux, Carl Peyer, Simone, Die Hektiker, Falco, City Cops, Sandra Pires, WWF, Commander and V.S.O.P., as well as for Starmania finalist and current chart-topper Christina Stürmer (“Freier Fall” album).

In addition to his involvement in Groove 2 Move (musical director: Gerald Gratzer), Andy is also currently on tour with the glam rock show band “The real Stardust Babies” and the Abba Show “**THE REAL ABBA tribute.**” (www.andyfreund.com)

Musical career:

- 1972 - 1980:** Saxophone, clarinet and guitar at the Beethoven Music School in Mödling, Austria
- 1985:** Lead role in “Jesus Christ Superstar” in the *Sofiensäle* Vienna
- 1986:** First single: “Magic Girl”
- 1988:** Six months of professional experience at THD Electronics in Seattle, Washington, coupled with various live performances and studio recordings
- 1990 - 1991:** Participation in various Eurovision Song Contest preliminary rounds as a singer, composer and lyricist
- 1990:** Austria: “Papageno”
- 1991:** Austria: “Anita”, “BRD”, “Vox und Vox”, first LP: “Mozartmania”
- 1992:** Second LP “andy freund und die indianer”; lead role in the musical “Mozartmania” in Vienna
- 1994:** Lead role in the musical “Snow White” (libretto: Peter Rapp & Gary Lux) at the Akzent Theater in Vienna
- 1997:** Eurovision song contest preliminary round as a singer for Gary Lux & Carl Peyer
- 1998:** Lead role in “Rockin’ Musical”, VBW United Stages of Vienna (tour to *Corso Theater* Zurich, Switzerland)
- 1999:** Lead role in “A tribute to ABBA”, VBW United Stages of Vienna (tour to *Seebühne*, Zell am See, Austria)
- 2000:** Ensemble in “Magical Mystery Show”, VBW United Stages of Vienna (tour to *Seebühne*, Zell am See, Austria)
- 2001:** Lead role in “Musical Gala 2002” (touring production)
- 2002:** Participation in the Eurovision Song Contest final in Tallinn, Estonia, with Manuel Ortega
- 2003:** Eurovision Song Contest preliminary round with Patricia Kaiser; lyricist and composer for Starmania finalist Christina Stürmer on the “Freier Fall” album

2004: Lyricist and composer for Starmania finalist Christina Stürmer on the “Soll das wirklich alles sein?” album; participation in the Eurovision Song Contest final in Istanbul, Turkey, with “Tie Break”

2005: Rehearsal and studio work for the Austrian television program “Dancing Stars” (ongoing)

Also
1985 – 2009 Live and studio productions as a singer, composer and lyricist for Brunner & Brunner, Vico Toriani, Udo Jürgens, Gary Lux, Carl Peyer, Simone, Die Hektiker, Bernhard Brink, Dana Winner, Falco, City Cops, Sandra Pires, WWF, Manuel Ortega, Christina Stürmer, V.S.O.P. and many more. Singer and instrumentalist in various bands (rock, pop, folk, jazz, covers). Currently: Live performances as the frontman of glam rock show band “The real Stardust Babies”, appearances in various musical shows from Vienna to Cologne, Germany (“Night Fever”, “The Rocky Horror Picture Show”, “Hair”, “Grease”, “ROCK Musical Show”, “Musical Affair”), numerous ongoing appearances with the ABBA show “**THE REAL ABBA tribute**” and much more.