

# Hörbie Schmidt Band

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## PRESS INFO

## German Rock & Pop Award 2015

Best R'n'B Band, Best R'n'B Album,  
Best R'n'B Singer, Best Composition



### Rockin´ the Blues – Award-winning return to the roots

Hörbie Schmidt lives and breathes music. The singer, songwriter and guitarist found his calling 19 years ago in establishing his own school of music, the Rock & Pop School in Kiel, a pioneer and multi award-winning Rock ´n´ Roll-Institution in Germany.

Hörbie Schmidt is a teacher, coach, lecturer, juror and sponsor of young and talented musicians in Germany.

### Awarded with the Rock & Pop Prize 2015

1. Prize: Best R&B Band; Best R&B Album, Best R&B Singer; Best Composition
2. Prize: Best Album (english); Best R&B Song
3. Prize: Best new Rock & Pop Artist of the Year, Best Album of the Year (german), Best German Lyrics, Best Guitarist

Awarded with the Rock & Pop Prize 2014 in eight categories with their debut-album „Wir kommen aus dem Hohen Norden“ (“We are from up north”), Best Album in the category Rhythm & Blues, as well as Sven Selle as best keyboard performance.

No matter if it's the Blues, an up-beat Rock ´n´ Roll tune or a soulful ballad, the passionate songwriter with the lion's mane embodies the songs with his head, his soul and his fingers. His body and his gestures blend in lyrics and music. Hörbie Schmidt is an original from the high-north of Germany, a refreshing breeze with wit and charme.

His virtuoso guitar style has been described as a fusion of artists such as B.B. King, Hendrix, Santana and Clapton, sung and interpreted in a musically diverse program ranging from “Old School” to “Modern Blues Rock”

His Band that has acquired a cult-status throughout the north of Germany plays shows in Germany, Denmark, Austria and Switzerland. Currently, the band shines with their recent album and distinguished musicians from Hamburg and Kiel.

A contemporary approach to sound, songwriting, arrangement and groove is just as important as maintaining a connection to the tradition of Rock ´n´ Roll and Blues music. The repertoire ranges from their own songs sung in German to creative interpretations of classic artists such as B.B. King, Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Gary Moore and others. Between all of them, the Hörbie Schmidt Band has found their own style.



### Guest star: Lili Czuya

As the youngest participant of the legendary Pop course at the Hamburg School for Music and Theater, she has learned from renowned coaches such as Jane Commerford (Texas Lightning, Fame Academy), Karin Ploog (Cats, author of the book: Voicecoaching), Jürgen Scholz (Jule Neigel Band, Klaus Lage Band) and award-winning artist Roger Cicero, with whom she shared the stage on the Soullounge project. Lili convinces the crowd with her powerful and many-faceted voice and serves as a great addition to the Hörbie Schmidt Band.

Her husband is no stranger either: Dirk is playing together with the Jessy Martens Band.

### **Awards and Press:**

1. Prize: Best R&B Band; Best R&B Album, Best R&B Singer; Best Composition

1. Prize: Best R&B Album 2014, Best R&B Singer 2014, Best Keyboarder 2014

### **Press Commentaries**

**Blues in Germany (Michael Jungbluth):** The north of Germany is well-known for its multitude of blues-musicians, such as Abi Wallenstein, Big Daddy Wilson, Jessy Martens and many other bands and musicians. Kiel's original, the Hörbie Schmidt Band, has joined this honorable club, ... Their CD "Wir kommen aus dem Hohen Norden" is as entertaining as it is diverse with a band that could easily master the clubs of the motherland of the blues.

**Musiker Magazin 2/2014:** „Streit & Eifersucht“ is a funny take on relationships. The mood ... is romantic, smoky and at times exciting, especially when the band is performing their own version of Eric Clapton's "Old Love". The Arrangements of "Thrill is gone" and "Sweet Home Chicago" show the musicians at their best. A band from up north that took on the challenge to combine the Blues with good entertainment.

**SHZ (Landeszeitung):** "Hörbie Schmidt – Savior of the Blues"

**Kieler Nachrichten:** „... an extraordinary and innovative Blues album.“

**Kieler Express:** „... oh how it grooves! The Hörbie Schmidt band convinces with top-class musicians, up-beat arrangements and smart lyrics. Not just the crowd but also the jury of the 32. Rock & Pop Prize 2014.“

**Radio Schleswig-Holstein:** "The golden boys and girls of Kiel."

**NDR 1 Welle Nord:** "One of the most interesting characters from the north... Hörbie Schmidt with his debut-album "Wir kommen aus dem Hohen Norden", bandleader & head of a bandcamp for children in Schleswig-Holstein and Denmark."

**Lübecker Nachrichten** – Kiel's Hörbie Schmidt Band strikes the right chord with the crowd.

**Wasserprawda :** The songwriter with the lion's mane has Blues, Rock, Funk and Ballads in his head, his soul and his fingers.

**Kieler Nachrichten 2016 :** Distinguished Professionals – Award-winning Return to the Roots.

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