

The First Years: 1965 to 1975 · THE SIMBERS, INDIAN GROUP, RED PATROL

& THE FREAK

THE SIMBERS

MAY 1965 - NOVEMBER 1967

First Band ever for Gerd & Bodo, had two Gig's on private Parties



INDIAN GROUP

NOVEMBER 1967 - MARCH 1969

Did only Rehersals, had one Gig on a private party, but with groupies !!! (do you believe?)



RED PATROL

MAY 1969 - FEBRUARY 1973

No Gig's, but a lot of good Recordings. These Songs build the Bottom of "The FREAK" and also for ... HEY ... "FOREST" ... (more 'bout that later !!!)



THE FREAK

MAY 1969 - MAY 1971

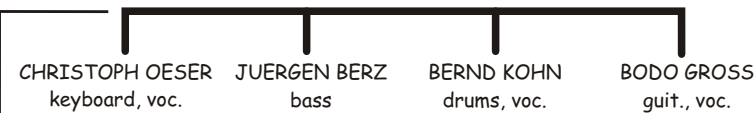
Some Gig's around the Gross-Gerau-Aera. The first Rock-Band in Moerfelden.



FREAK#2 - THE LEGEND -

MAY 1971 - DECEMBER 1972

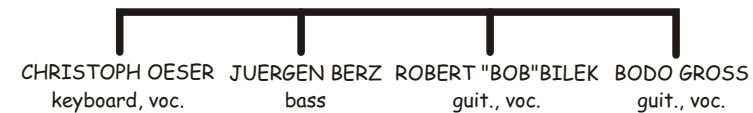
A lot of Gig's around the Gross-Gerau-Aera. One of the best Live-Rock-Bands in Moerfelden & Walldorf. Well known in these days.



FREAK#3

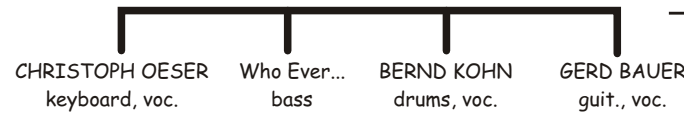
DECEMBER 1972 - JUNE 1973

Lot of Gig's. Bob Bilek changed the Style. Not bad, but the "old" Freaks are missing "the drive" of Bernd Kohn who left to join the band "ZENIT".



ZENIT

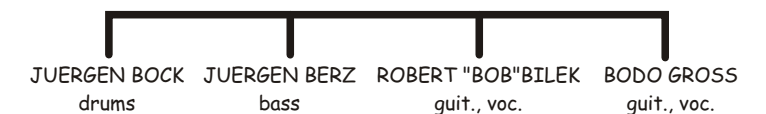
JUNE 1973 ...



FREAK#4

JUNE 1973 - DECEMBER 1973

They did some real excellent Shows. In Dec. 1973 Juergen Bock died on an accident, Bob changed his music-style, Juergen Berz & Bodo Gross worked on some new songs.



FREAK#5

JUNE 1974 - FEBRUAR 1975

The "Legend" returned with some really fine Gig's. Final Gig: 16th of February 1975 in Ffm, Jazz Life Podium, with special Guests: Dieter "Bodo" Kolbe & Werner Panknien and "Bob" Bilek. So long !!!



CHRISTOPH, JUERGEN & BODO did a lot of Sessions and Gig's with differnt Musicians during 1975 and 1976.

BERND started to become one of the best drummers in Germany; live and also he's an excellent studio musician. (did the drums for some Boney "M" records and shows & much more).

MOERFELDER SKIFFLE GROUP

JUNE 1970 - FEBRUAR 1975

They did a lot of Shows all around Germany. Played in a 45 minute TV - Docu - Show on German TV - ARD in 1972. Also in '72 they did a concert in Duesseldorf at the "UZ-Pressfest" together with a lot of well known German Bands, as there where "BIRTH CONTROL, VOLKSMUSIK, FRUMPY, LOKOMOTIVE KREUZBERG (later better known as: SPLIFF) and many others. (Audience: 250.000 People). Not bad or ?



1975 to 1983 ART, JAM, NEUSCHNEE, PRISONER & FOREST

ART

JULY 1975 - SEPTEMBER 1976

SEPTEMBER 1976 - JANUARY 1977

JAM

Jazz - Rock at the Practise Room . . . at the Roundtable . . . at the "Jazz-Life-Podium . . . together with Barney Kessel & Herb Ellis (T.A.T. Ffm.) . . . and as a real "Big Band" . . .



NEUSCHNEE

SEPTEMBER 1976 - AUGUST 1977

Folk-Rock in high quality . . .but only 3 Gig's in one Year . . .!



AUGUST 1977

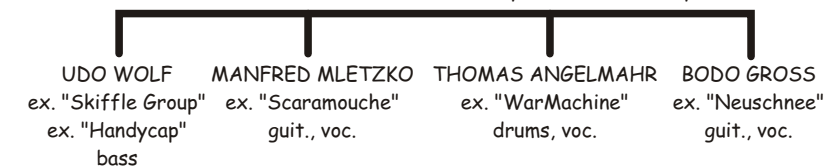
ERNST & BODO met THOMAS "Tom" ANGELMAHR from the group "WARMACHINE" and tried to build a new Band.

But the styles where too different so ERNST left and TOM & BODO built a new Band

PRISONER

FEBRUARY 1978 - AUGUST 1978

Did only Rehersals, had no Gig, had to change the Name 'cause there where 7 Bands named PRISONER in Germany this time. So they called the Band: "FOREST"

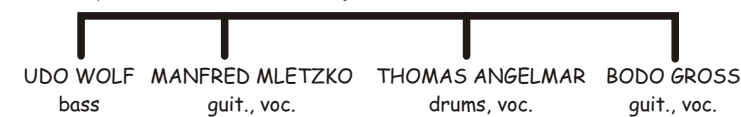


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AUGUST 1978 - SEPTEMBER 1978

They played 2 Gig's, then Udo Wolf left. On the 2. Gig the new Bass-Player HAJO ZITZKOWSKI joined in for some tunes.



FOREST#2

SEPTEMBER 1978 - SEPTEMBER 1980

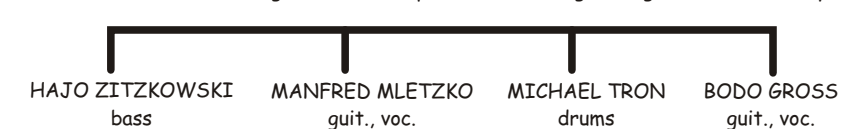
With the new Bassman, the Group formed the "FOREST" - Style. The patient understanding between Hajo & Bodo established the roots of FOREST for a very long time.



FOREST#3

OCTOBER 1980 - MARCH 1982

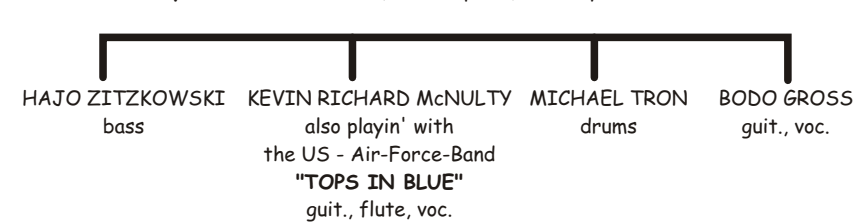
'Cause of different opinions about "using" the SnareDrum, TOM left the Band. With MIKE "Pu-pu-tra" TRON (in these days 14 Years young!) Forest had no more "chickenshit-problems" and became a new "Drive". They did their first ALBUM "We Are Just Watching Time" in 1981 with a lot of real good tunes and performed some good Gig's around Germany to promote the Album..



FOREST#4

MARCH 1982 - AUGUST 1982

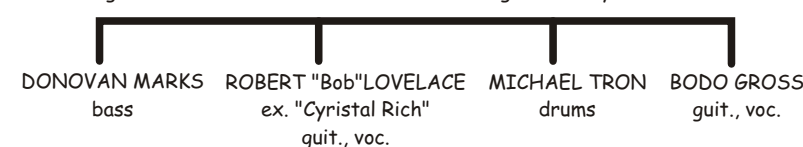
MANFRED left and MIKE TRON said: "I knew a brilliant Musician...", and really . . . KEVIN McNULTY came by, jammed with the Band and joined in, "Big Time". A lot of Gig's around Germany made them a solide Blues-Rock-Band . . . and . . . one day . . . GERNOT "Gerry" FREUDENBERGER (ex. Scorpions) came by, to do a HELL of a ROADIE - Job.



FOREST#5

AUGUST 1982 - NOVEMBER 1982

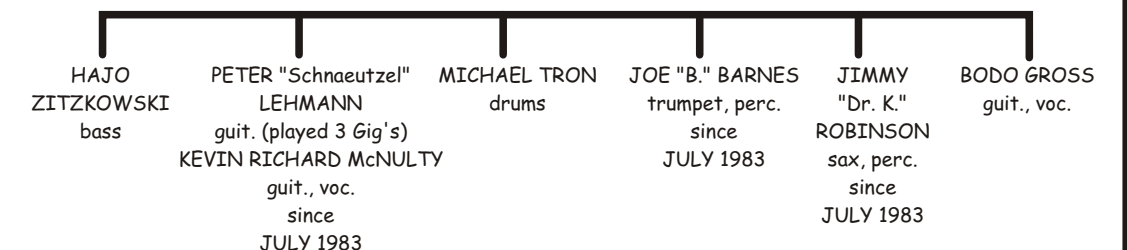
HAJO left 'cause of family-problems, KEVIN had to go OnTour with "TOPS IN BLUE", but he brought in DONOVAN MARKS & ROBERT "Bob" LOVELACE, so that FOREST could do some booked Gig's. Two real excellent musicians who changed the Style a little bit. But not for long . . .



FOREST#6

DECEMBER 1982 - SEPTEMBER 1983

HAJO is back! A new GuitarPlayer joined the Band. PETER "Schnaetzl" LEHMANN for some Gig's. In April 1983 KEVIN came back from the TOPS IN BLUE - Tour and took his place again. And two other excellent musicians came in to change the Style again: JIMMY "Dr. K." ROBINSON and JOE "B." BARNES.

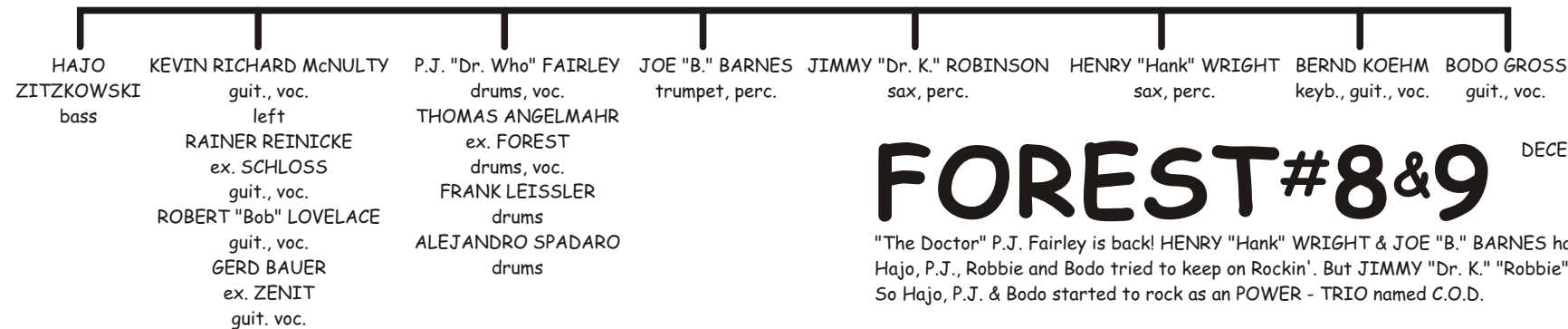


1983 and counting . . .

FOREST, C.O.D., THE FACT, HARDBALL & FOREST

FOREST#7 SEPTEMBER 1983 - DECEMBER 1984

MIKE TRON left the Band to study music & drums, so a new change was determined: "The Doctor" P.J. Fairley (ex. HORIZON) joined in and once again the Style of FOREST changed . . . (to the Best . . . ?). A third Horn-Player completed the Horn-Section. HENRY "Hank" WRIGHT. FOREST performed a lot of Gig's around the Hessen-Aera. In 1984 P.J. had to go back to the United States for a little while. So FOREST had some problems with Drummers! Also in 1984 KEVIN left 'cause he had to follow the military orders. Some GuitarPlayers came and left. New Member in December 1984: BERND KOEHM, keyb., guit., voc.

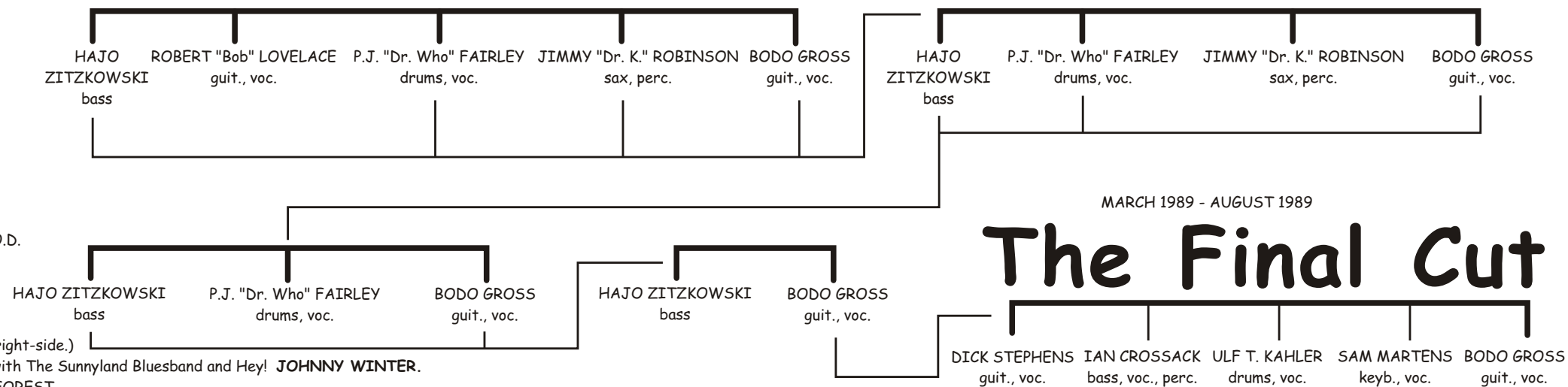


FOREST#8&9 DECEMBER 1984 - OCTOBER 1985

"The Doctor" P.J. Fairley is back! Henry "Hank" Wright & Joe "B." Barnes had to leave. End of September 1985 "Bob" Lovelace left. Hajo, P.J., Robbie and Bodo tried to keep on Rockin'. But Jimmy "Dr. K." "Robbie" Robinson had to leave Germany. So Hajo, P.J. & Bodo started to rock as an POWER - TRIO named C.O.D.

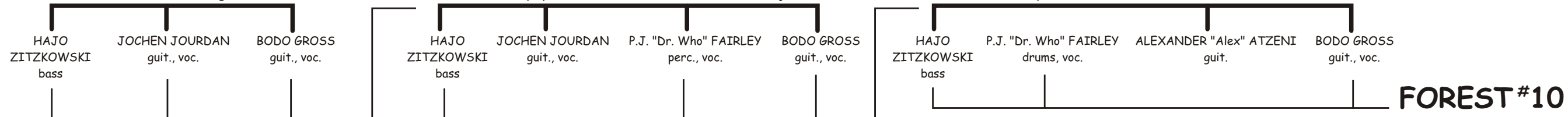
C.O.D. & THE FACT OCTOBER 1985 - DECEMBER 1986

In August 1986 they produced the Album "CASH & CARRY" and played some Gig's as C.O.D. Another Name-Change("THE FACT") was the Beginning of the End. They performed their last Show on Sylvester 1986 in "The Daubhaus" in Hochheim. P.J. build his own Group named "HORIZON" and Hajo & Bodo started to work on a lot of new songs and some musical-projects in their own Studio. In 1989 Bodo recorded the Album "The Final Cut" with some well known Musicians. (see right-side.) They had only one - but a real good -Gig on an Open-Air in August '89 in Ludwigshafen with The Sunnyland Bluesband and Hey! JOHNNY WINTER. In 1992 Hajo & Bodo presented their Concept - Album "BACK TO ETERNITY" again as FOREST.



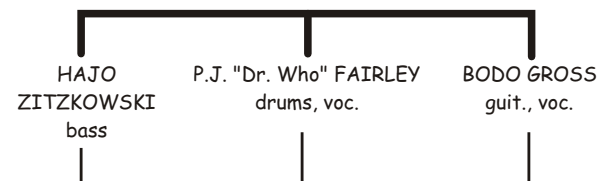
WARP III, FOREST, HARDBALL MARCH 1993 - SEPTEMBER 1995

In the early Ninetees Hajo & Bodo did some "Unplugged" - Live - Session's as "WARP III" & "FOREST". One Day P.J. (playin' in Giessen with EQUINOX) visited a Gig and joined in. On the next Show he became again a Member of FOREST. JOCHEN JOURDAN left to play in a new Band named: "ORANGE BOX". Hajo, Bodo & P.J. took ALEXANDER ATZENI and performed the ALBUM "IS IT REALLY DARK AT NIGHT" as a Band named: HARDBALL.



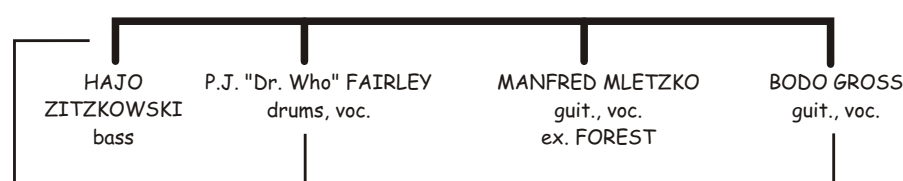
FOREST#10 SEPTEMBER 1995 - DECEMBER 1998

ALEX left to do his own kind of music. Hajo, Bodo & P.J. worked on some Projects and did in 1997 the Short - Musical: "TALES OF HORROR". in 1998 they celebrated their 20th. Anniversary and presented the excellent ALBUM " PAST TO PRESENT" featuring: BEATE ZISCHKA voc., keyb. & string arrangements.



FOREST#11 DECEMBER 1998 - HALLOWEEN 1999

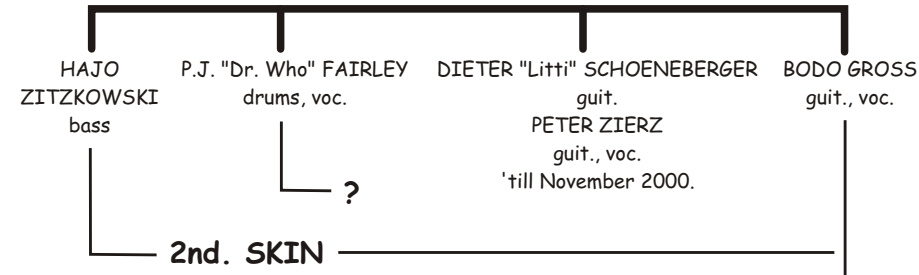
One of the first Members of FOREST (established in 1978) MANFRED MLETZKO joined the Band again. After 17 Years !!! They did an new ALBUM called "COME DEMONS OUT". The Style, titled by P.J., was called: "MELODIC METALL with a Bite". In October MANFRED left again and DIETER "LITTI" SCHOENEGERGER joined in.



FOREST, CHICKENHEAD ROCK & BLUESBAND & FOREST

FOREST#12 OCTOBER 1999 - MARCH 2001

DIETER "LITTI" SCHOENEGER left after some Gig's, so they looked for a new GuitarPlayer and found PETER ZIERZ. They did some Shows, had an RADIO - SPECIAL at RADIO "X" in Frankfurt/Main. But it did'nt work good with PETER, so Hajo, P.J. & Bodo played again as an POWER - TRIO 'till March 2001. 'Cause of Health-Problems, Bodo quit in March 2001. Hajo left to the Band "2nd. Skin" and P.J. joined a Band in Frankfurt/Main.



SEPTEMBER 2001 - MARCH 2002

CHICKENHEAD Rock & BluesBand

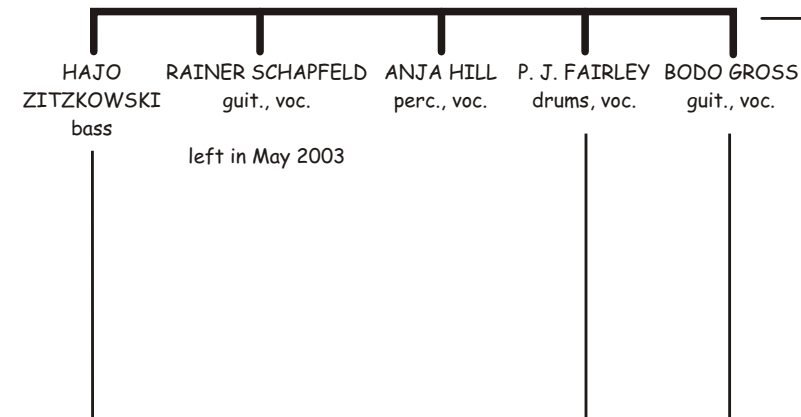
BODO's Health was getting better, so he started to build an COVER & ORIGINAL's Band. Hajo joined in and with him DANNY KUHN, the Singer of 2nd. SKIN. And HEY ! MANFRED MLETZKO is back on Stage. After two Gig's DANNY "kicked" herself out of the Band. So they played as a TRIO with a Special Guest: ANJA HILL. In March 2002 Manfred did his last Show. So Bodo & Hajo looked for some new Musicians.



MAY 2002 and counting . . .

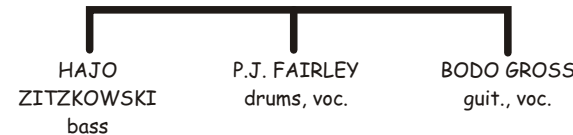
CHICKENHEAD Rock & BluesBand#2

Hajo ZITZKOWSKI left 2nd. SKIN and became a "Full-Member" of the CHICKENS. Two new Members joined the Band: GuitarPlayer and Singer: RAINER SCHAPFELD, ANJA HILL("Murphy's Law" & "SIX"), Lead & Background Vocals, Percussion and . . . on Drums and Vocals once again: "The Doctor" P.J. FAIRLAY . . . and what's about FOREST ? . . . what a Question . . . !



FOREST#13 SEPTEMBER 2002 and counting . . .

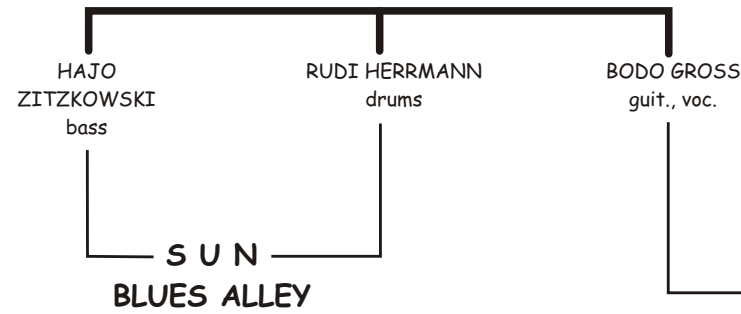
. . . here they are BACK AGAIN, produced the new ALBUM "FORBIDDEN FANTASY", still working on their Musical of George Orwell's " 1984 " and came back on Stage with ORIGINALS and ROCK-COVER's . . . met Kevin "McMastic" McNulty & performed a unforgettable Gig together on their 25th. ANNIVERSARY in August 2003 . . . had an outstanding Gig in the Pub "AnSibin" in Darmstadt on March '04 incl. the Band "Tumultus Simplex" (warm up & Session with Forest) followed by a real great & successful performance on the "Walldorf-Rock-Night'04 . . . and did a wonderful Concert on March '05 in the Club "KuBa"-Moerfelden So Far . . . to be continued . . .



FOREST . . .

FOREST#14 OKTOBER 2012 - MARCH 2013

P.J. left and Rudi Herrmann, drums, joined in. Hajo, Bodo & Rudi performed a successful LIVE-Gig at Moerfelden-Walldorf-rockt, Stadthalle Walldorf on Nov. 17th'2012.
In 2013 Hajo and Rudi left to join the Band SUN. Hajo also works with the Band "Rhytm' & Blues Band - now called "BLUES ALLEY"...



FOREST#15 SEPTEMBER 2017 and counting . . .

. . . Bodo produced the new FOREST-ALBUM "SOMETIME, SOMEWHERE, SOMEHOW", recorded between Sept. and December 2017, published in January '2018...
and now: **FOREST is BACK** - With the new Album " **AIN'T NOTHIN'** " Musicians: Eddy Lewandowsky-keyb., Hans-Michael Lederer - drums, Bodo Gross - guit., bass, vocals...

and NOW !!! The ORIGINAL is Back !!! " LIVE ON STAGE " on Nov. 10th'2018

. . . So Far . . .

