



NEW AUSTRIAN ARTISTS AT EUROSONIC 2015

Eurosonic Noorderslag is the most important showcase festival in the European live music industry. The 29th edition of the Dutch festival will take place on January 14 – 17, 2015, in Groningen, the Netherlands, with the spotlight pointing to numerous performances by Europe's freshest up-and-coming music artists. The festival gathers the most important music industry protagonists, such as festival organizers, bookers, music promoters and pop experts, from across Europe to get an idea of the most promising acts on the market. Each year a different European country is highlighted to underline and showcase the vivid and diverse music scene of the respective focus country. Austria received this honor at Eurosonic Noorderslag 2014 and was put on display with 18 Austrian acts. For the next Eurosonic Noorderslag 2015 the focus will be directed to Iceland.

At the upcoming Eurosonic Noorderslag edition Austria will present five local acts that will play the role of musical ambassadors of the local scene and represent Austria's exceptional talent. This time the lucky candidates are **Bilderbuch**, **Bulbul**, **Gods**, **Moonlight Breakfast** and **Ogris Debris**. In addition to Austria's performing artists, **Klangkarussell** has been announced as a winner of the prestigious **European Border Breakers Awards (EBBA) 2015**.

KLANKARUSSELL, the band project of the Salzburg producer duo Tobias Rieser and Adrian Held hardly needs any introduction. In 2012 their hit single "Sonnentanz" took the world by storm and brought Klangkarussell instant international fame. The single consistently ranked in the top of the charts of various European nations, including #3 in England and #1 in Holland. A feat that not many acts from Austria have been able to achieve. This year Klangkarussell released their highly anticipated debut album "Netzwerk" and have once again gained a tremendous amount of international buzz and critical acclaim, especially in the German-speaking realm.

Links:

Eurosonic Noorderslag | www.eurosonic-noorderslag.nl, European Talent Exchange Program (ETEP) | www.etep.nl
European Border Breakers Awards (EBBA) | www.europeanborderbreakersawards.eu

AUSTRIAN SHOWCASES AT EUROSONIC 2015

BILDERBUCH are well on their way to becoming an international success story. The most important and current milestone of their band history was laid in 2013. With newbie Philipp Scheibl on the drums, the single "Plansch" took the Austrian music scene by storm and was deservedly celebrated as the indie summer hit of the year. Already on the rise, there was no holding back with the new single "Maschin". Accompanied with its brilliant video, this song was soon hyped all over the German-speaking realm and triggered a wave of positive reactions. Besides all the raving reviews from fans and critics, Bilderbuch embarked on a fully booked festival summer and went on tour with the popular German band Beatsteaks in winter 2014. The four were also nominated for the Amadeus Austrian Music Awards in four categories – more often than any other act.

Noisey/Music by VICE once described Bilderbuch as "the embodiment of coolness. So cool, that they are probably the only ones besides Kanye West that can get away with autotune, without sounding like absolute shit – and that with German lyrics." Their new album Schick Schock will be out in February 2015.

Friday, January 16 | 20:45 – 21:30, VERA

Web: www.bilderbuch-musik.at | Youtube: <http://youtu.be/90cyk00gyWY> (Maschin)

BULBUL is probably the most unconventional, trippy and deranged rock formation in Austria. With its signature layer of weirdness, this band is known for playing rock music with a special passion for gritty edges. Musically being nearly impossible to squeeze into one genre, the members of the band – Raumschiff Engelmayer (guitar, vocals), Derhunt (bass) and DDKern (drums) – have always followed their own path with music elements spanning across various styles. Unlike other rock bands in the industry, Bulbul have created their very own distinctive style and stand alone as a rapturous testament to individuality and the raw power of rock and noise.

Those who have experienced the trio live already know that the concerts are an electrifying and unforgettable experience, leaving ears ringing with a frenzied blast of sound. Performing live at the Eurosonic Festival in Groningen, Bulbul's showcase is an excellent opportunity to get a taste of this band's exceptional musical qualities.

Friday, January 16 | 01:15 – 02:00, DE SPIEGHEL

Web: www.bulbul.at | **Youtube:** <http://youtu.be/MXrxDm2xkwg> (Iheascholongnixmea)

GODS is the band formerly known as Bensch. Now mainly based in Berlin and London, GODS have formed a strong vision for their new band and art collective, playing with the boundaries of alternative synth pop, electronic music and a wide spectrum of artistic and thematic influences. Their songs about love, war, sex, fear, hope and self destruction are reflections of the disintegration and change surrounding us. The release of the eponymous debut album GODS is due early 2015 (Wohnzimmer Records). The first official single "Unnatural" presents the album's main themes woven into a deceptively upbeat synth pop tune centered on the lingering hook 'why does it taste so unnatural?'. Performing live, GODS – Sion Trefor, Bensch Yo, Eli Candolini and Severin Zoolord – present a dense, energetic show with a tight set of synthesizers, percussion and guitar.

Thursday, January 15 | 00:15 – 01:00, HUIS DE BEURS

Web: www.gods.fm | **Youtube:** <http://youtu.be/RqM8QMD0Fa4> (Unnatural)

MOONLIGHT BREAKFAST is a band originally from Romania that is now partially based in Vienna and ready to conquer the international scene. With its feel good vibes and positive message, the band has already made a name for itself by playing a number of high profile gigs throughout Europe and around the world. One of the first performances in the band's history was opening for Jamiroquai, playing in front of a crowd of 35.000 in Bucharest.

Since then they have opened for Hurts and Macy Gray, they were voted „Best Band“ by Elle Magazine in Romania and even played the closing ceremony at the winter Olympic Games 2014 in Sochi. All of this without even having an official release. In the meantime they have signed with Motor Music and their song "Shout" has been selected for the new Ford commercial. Another of their songs is featured in the current KIA TV spot. Following the release of their debut album "Shout" in September 2014, their fan base has again grown tremendously. There is no question about it, this band is poised to rocket its way to the top and is moving full-speed ahead.

Thursday, January 15 | 01:15 – 02:00, MUTUA FIDES

Web: www.moonlightbreakfast.com | **Youtube:** <http://youtu.be/j8JQiiJ3EhU> (My Baby)

OGRIS DEBRIS are an internationally acclaimed producer duo straight out of Vienna and – hell yeah! – the lads know how to rock a stage! Their lively presence is paired with an outspoken affinity to practical jokes and a deeply felt love for music that takes you places and moves your ass. Combining cutting-edge digital production with finest ingredients of techno and house, Ogris Debris create a unique brand of dance music.

They receive regular airplay on national radios across Europe and create special mixes for Gilles Peterson's „Worldwide“ on BBC Radio 1 or Michael Rütten's „Soulsearching“ radio show. Their sound is championed and charted by the likes of Anthony Shakir, Cosmin TRG, Pete Tong, Peter Kruder, DJ T, Rainer Trüby and many others. Since forming in 2007, Ogris Debris have released a bunch of 12" singles, EPs and remixes. Most notable their debut on the „Compost Black Label Series“, which was instantly followed by the trans-European supersmasher „Miezekatze“, the famous „Aery EP“ on their home label Affine Records, a collabo with Swiss outfit Round Table Knights, plus the epic rework for label mate Dorian Concept which received proper awareness beyond genre-affiliations.

Friday, January 16 | 02:00 – 02:45, SIMPLON (UP)

Web: www.ogrisdebris.com | **Soundcloud:** <https://soundcloud.com/ogris-debris>

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