

# THE LOOP – Hats off to Rory Gallagher

"THE LOOP" is a Rory Gallagher tribute band that revives the music of the Irish blues rock guitarist at their gigs.

Michael "Bronco" Brunckhorst (drums) and Michael Welzel (bass) lay the foundation for Volkhard Schuster (guitar/vocals) to develop his virtuoso guitar work. The result is the dynamic playing style typical of "THE LOOP" and the earthy sound with which they create a uniquely dense atmosphere between themselves and the audience at every gig. Thus each concert becomes a unique event as it was typical for the gigs of Rory Gallagher.

"THE LOOP" was the first doing a tribute gig in Germany after Gallagher's death. The 1997 concert at the Göttinger Nörgelbuff was recorded live and, with the support of Donal Gallagher, Rory's brother and manager, was the first Rory Gallagher Tribute CD ever to be released in a limited edition.

Since 1997 "THE LOOP" has been playing Rory Gallagher Tribute concerts. Since 2000 they have toured Ireland, England and Scotland several times. They also played in Holland and Switzerland. "THE LOOP" played at the International Rory Gallagher Tribute Festivals at Gallagher's birthplace Ballyshannon (Ireland), Oslo (Norway), Glasgow (Scotland), Manchester (England), Leeuwarden (Holland) as well as in Wiesbaden and Fürth (Germany).

In 2003 "THE LOOP" released the CD "Had a good time", which contains exclusively own material. Volkhard Schuster released a solo CD entitled "Pain" in spring 2008 and the solo CD "Meerkat" in 2016.

At the concerts of "THE LOOP" only songs by Rory Gallagher or songs he took over from others are played.