



# Bieranjas

To our audience we offer unique shows with impassionate performances. For more than 15 years we are together on the road as the brass blues brothers and sisters. We play a great variety of Pop, Rock and Jazz songs from Adele to Kylie Minogue and Robbie Williams. Originally we started performing during carnival but our appetite for the music and the show grew bigger and we decided to perform throughout the whole year. In the media we recently were named „the new dimension in the Swiss Brass scene“ or „cutest brass band ever“ which obviously makes us really proud.

## About us

We are 21 men and one woman from Fricktal and Basle region in Switzerland. With our music we want to entertain and move the audience. Where we perform – also spontaneously – we animate the audience with our impassionate performance to clap hands, sing – or even better to dance like we do. We need neither music stands nor chairs – in contrary, we love to dance, jump, sing or sometimes play even while laying on the floor. We live for the magic moment, when the audience abandons its reservation and celebrates the music and the moment with us. With a spirited cast we inspire the young and young-at-heart.

## Our performances

At the beginning we mainly played in Switzerland and southern Germany during carnival but soon discovered summer events for us. 2004 was a special year as we were invited for the first time to an international music festival at lake Balaton in Hungary. We therewith experienced how music overcomes boundaries. Ever since we can hardly wait to get on a bus, train or board a plane together. We have precious memories of our shows in Hamburg, Cologne, Düsseldorf, Vienna, Innsbruck, Graz, Bratislava, Budapest, Amsterdam, Brussels, Salzburg, Ljubljana and again and again Balaton. We are already planning our next tour – and look forward to new multi-faceted adventures.

## Our music

We play latest hits out of different genres such as pop, disco, rock and jazz. Our repertoire contains more than 20 titles and is being refreshed every year by two or three new ones. Our first songs were several hits from the movie “Blues Brothers”, such as “Peter Gunn” or “Everybody needs somebody”. In our first years we often used available sheet music for brass bands. Nowadays we mainly create our own arrangements. Our most popular pieces are “Rolling in the deep” (Adele), “Music was my first love” (John Miles) or “Let me entertain you” (Robbie Williams). Besides the individual virtuosity of each member we are especially proud of our people creating the arrangements. They have contributed a lot to Bieranjas’ musical development.

## Discography

CDs are available as follows:

“Perfect 10” our debut album after ten years – the ten best songs of this period.

“B” the second album or also the abbreviation of our name and also the letter with which many of our adventures and experiences begin.

Fancy a little taste? Check out our name on Youtube – have fun!



## Our name

Originally we wanted to call us “Bluesaholics”. As this name was being used in the music scene already, we agreed on “Bieranjas” shortly after the foundation. It is a pun using a famous liquid elixir and a little predatory fish with very sharp teeth that usually appears in schools and eats its prey within seconds to the bone.

## Our outfit

The idea to dress like the Blues Brothers was linked to the originally planned name. Furthermore among musicians it was given that everybody had a black suit and a white shirt at home. Both remained until today. Our characteristic features are the black sunglasses and the white hat, have you noticed already?

## Our history

In February 1999 15 people gathered to form a Guggenmusik\* in order to get into the hustle and bustle. Though it did not last only one season. Since the memorable premiere unbelievably quick 15 years have gone by in which we experienced innumerable performances, funny bus tours and adventurous trips. Our friendship within the band is unique. Many members have started families in the meantime and today the number of kids is similar to the number of members. Many members are still with us since the beginning.

*\*Guggenmusik: A carnival band, consisting of mainly brass instruments and drums/percussion playing popular songs with intoxicating rhythms to entertain people on the streets and on masked balls. The focus however is less on musical perfection but more on the entertainment value – whereas musicality was never unimportant to us.*