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Baba Yaga – Grenzenlos

The first album *Grenzenlos* by the Austrian world music newcomers Baba Yaga is finally out!

The album is titled *Grenzenlos* because Baba Yaga knows no boundaries. She is wild, unpredictable, and sometimes even dangerous. In this new program, Baba Yaga takes the audience on a journey through various countries and cultures, with songs in Greek, Serbian, Romani, Hebrew, Italian, and English. The tracks invite everyone to dance and intentionally break boundaries between old and new, distant and close, wild and gentle.



Photo: Album cover of Baba Yaga's album "Grenzenlos" (2024). Artwork by Victoria Santibanez, photo by Katharina Scholz.

New Album Grenzenlos!

After two years of intense collaboration, the time has finally come: Baba Yaga presented their first album on June 5, 2024, at the Wiener Metropol. The album, titled *Grenzenlos*, is supported by the Austrian Music Fund. The title *Grenzenlos* refers both to the intentional breaking of musical stylistic boundaries and political-geographical ones. The multicultural band, whose members come from three different nations, seeks to unite, not exclude. Raffaella della Gemma says: "Boundaries don't exist in reality, only in our minds. We live in Vienna, where there's a beautiful diversity of (music) cultures that naturally blend together. The language of music knows no borders and works without words. We seek unity, we want to connect, celebrating the joyful sides of life and peaceful coexistence through music. Baba Yaga lives without borders."

"Baba Yaga truly excels at translating diverse influences into captivating musical stories. You can celebrate and dance wildly to these tracks or be deeply moved by their melancholy. It's a fascinating musical firework that the band sets off on Grenzenlos. The album is full of charm, emotion, and wit, radiating pure joy for life. A truly beautiful musical experience."

(Michael Ternai in his review for MICA, 2024)

The album is available as a vinyl record or CD and is distributed by Hoanzl. The label is THE NEW, an Austrian indie label. It was recorded at TIC Music Studios in Vienna, 1070, under the direction of Filippo Gaetani and Florian Hager. Mastering was done by Martin Scheer. The record was pressed at Austrovinyl. The artwork is by young Austrian artist Victoria Santibanez, and photos are by Katharina Scholz.

Who is Baba Yaga?

The mythical figure of Baba Yaga from Slavic mythology has always served as a muse for artistic and musical inspiration. She also inspired the band Baba Yaga to incorporate Eastern European sounds, consciously breaking musical boundaries and combining them skillfully. Their sound is virtuosic, fiery, and entices ecstatic dance. The music remains pure and authentic: violin, double bass, guitar, vocals, accordion, and percussion—what more could you need?

The five young artists hail from Austria, Montenegro, and Israel and have been playing together since 2022, with the current line-up established in December 2023. Over the past two years, they have impressed audiences at events like the Vienna Klezmore Festival, Sofar Sounds, Kultursommer Wien, European Literature Days in Krems, Vienna Refugee Ball, Donnerszenen Klagenfurt, and the Wackelstein Festival. In 2024 could also enlarge their audience internationally and play in Germany. In 2025, more international concerts in France and Germany will take place.

Baba Yaga's repertoire ranges from wild Balkan tunes, klezmer songs, lively swing, gypsy jazz, and oriental dances to contemporary compositions, which the ensemble creates, reinterprets, and arranges themselves, allowing ample space for free improvisation. Baba Yaga loves limitless freedom. They captivate all the senses of their audience and draw them into unpredictable, dangerous realms. Here, dancing, dreaming, singing, and celebrating are done as Baba Yaga likes it best. After all, it's easiest to dance freely without borders.

Band lineup (from left to right in the photo): David Mandlbürger – Guitar. Raffaella della Gemma – Violin & Vocals. Anela Cindrak – Accordion. Florian Gunacker – Double Bass. Jasmin Meiri – Percussion & Vocals.

Links

Website

- www.baba-yaga.at

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Upcoming Concerts 2025

- **More concert will be updated soon**
- 14.3.25 AKKU Kulturzentrum Steyr, AUSTRIA
- 15.3.25 Porgy & Bess Wien, AUSTRIA
- 27.3.25 Yiddish Culture Festival Wien, AUSTRIA
- 23.5.25 Wien, Kulturverein Floridsdorf, AUSTRIA
- 30.5.25 Klesmer-Festival Salzgitter Bad, GERMANY
- 31.5.25 Langenlois, AUSTRIA
- 4.6.25 Haus des Meeres, Wien, AUSTRIA
- 28.6.25 Burgruine Reichenstein, Oberösterreich, AUSTRIA
- 1-3.8.25 Festival du Bout du Monde, Frankreich, FRANCE
- 31.10.25 Herbstklänge, AUSTRIA
- 6.11.25 Komödie Graz, AUSTRIA
- 7.11.25 ORF Radiokulturhaus, Wien, AUSTRIA