



*The bad ass
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G'devening

Since the release of 'The Art of Freedom' in April last year things got a bit confusing around Bacon Fat. First there were the fantastic reviews in several leading mags such as RifRaf (alternative), Mindview (hard rock/metal) and Rootstime (blues/roots). Then there was the lack of gigs which should've followed the reviews. There was some good promo on several radio stations and again a lack of gigs following the airplay. Though the start of 2012 was looking good again with gigs in the Netherlands and the Antwerp area, a big change was about to come for the band. And with big we do mean BIG! Read all about it in this newsletter and unveil the story for yourself.



Benjamin Cestillo

Bacon Fat bass & backing vocal 2006-2012

Seven years of survival and fun with Benjamin Cestillo

Debuting with Bacon Fat on May 13th, 2006 as headliner at the Rotarock festival in Landen, Benjamin remained a solid friend/bandmember throughout the next 6 years. During this time he grew heavily as a bassplayer and developed his own unique style. He is the one who's responsible for bringing in more jazz into the music of Bacon Fat. Without him there would have never been songs like 'Thug Job' and the band's epic masterpiece 'Liberty Bell'. If not only for that reason he will always remain part of BF. Here's the story:

Fall 2011: W. noticed something was going on with Benja musically and didn't want to argue about it. After all Benjamin made sure the band survived all these years and personally there never were any issues between the boys. That's also the reason the band slowed down on shows and exposure the last two years, instead of breaking up. While they were waiting for some kind of Magick, the wall of fire turned into a little flame and it was obvious something drastic needed to happen. And as with all good fairies, it all happened at the right time.

After the second 2012 show on April 1st, Benjamin told W. he wanted to quit. He lost his focus on the music of the band and wanted to move on and follow his own musical directions. To his surprise W. said that would be no problem, as long as he would play the remaining shows of the year. That was step one of reinventing Bacon Fat again.

So Benja played 4 more shows before summer. By that time W. already recruited a new bassplayer. They spent that much time in rehearsing they lost focus on getting exposure. But in these days it might be better for the band to stay out of the spotlight for a while and prepare a complete new presentation for 2013. In the next newsletter which will follow soon we will present the new line-up and the rest of the story.

Back to Benjamin. When W. got the offer to play on Halloween at 'O Fiach's Irish Pub in Mechelen it felt like this had to happen. This would become the ultimate Bacon Fat gig with Benjamin on bass. It was the best thinkable way to say goodbye to a great guy.

So if we talk in figures (which is always nice) we can come up with the following:

- Benjamin joins Bacon Fat in November 2005 at the age of 19
- 89 live shows with the band
- in 4 countries (Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg and Germany)
- 3 live radio-sessions
- 2 full albums
- 30+ jam-sessions hosted by Bacon Fat
- after 7 years he plays his last show with the band on October 31st, 2012

Bacon Fat wishes Benjamin all the best with his future plans. Thanks for everything mate!



Benja 2006



Benja 2012

2012 Gig reviews

20/01/2012: Café del Mar, Sint-Truiden

This was a rather strange show as Rico decided to set up his drums on the left of the stage with Benja in the center behind W. As a consequence there was much less interaction between the bandmembers. It didn't affect the show though. Afterwards W. said: "This was clearly an experiment which will not happen again. I couldn't hear the drums properly and because of the wall of smoke on stage I didn't even see Rico and his drums half of the time. So it was more or less playing on auto-pilot."

Setlist: **Motorcycle hotel, The tale of Scott & Louie, One on one, Morefun boogie, Louisa, All blues, Sevcan, Play with feel, You better get running, Liberty bell, Kick the boogieman, You can do it if you want it bad enough, My baby and me, Rub top shuffle, Pony-tail daydream, Live & die for rock 'n roll, Thug job, She got me, Plain sustain, Pretty little thang / encore: La grange, Hangin' around, Hallelujah**

01/04/2012: Harvest café, Bluesfestival Ede (HOL)

Been some time since the boys played a bluesfest in Holland. Bacon Fat was (as usual) the only rock 'n roll band on the bill. Nevertheless people found their way in and it was a big party. Highlight was the moshpit that suddenly started when BF played '*She's cocaine*'. Great show but afterwards the news came that Benjamin wanted to quit the band. The boys agreed they'd play the remaining 2012 shows and then Benja could leave. Strange feelings that night...

21/04/2012: BarRock, Maastricht (HOL)

Opening for Bacon Fat was **Noisy Decade**, a great rock band from the very south of Belgium. Due to restricted time both bands played only for an hour each. Another new song was played live for the first time here: '*Lazy*'. Together with '*You better get running*' it is the only finished song the band made since the recording of '*The Art of Freedom*'. Great performance by both bands. Setlist: **You can do it if you want it bad enough, One on one, Liberty bell theme, Strip down, Sevcan, Shake that ass, Lazy, Plain sustain, Pretty little thang**



live at BarRock, Maastricht

05/05/2012: Blues & Rock Garaasj, Geleen (HOL)

Great venue at the border of Holland, Belgium and Germany. If you are in the neighbourhood you should definitely check it out. Gabi and Skinny will give you a warm welcome!

Every band who gets to play here needs to leave an artwork on their wall. So W. drew and Rico and Benja coloured the small canvas. Check it out! www.blues-rock-garaasj.nl



01/06/2012: De Rots, Antwerp

02/06/2012: De Rots, Sint-Niklaas

Rock 'n roll weekend with double bill: **Chief Rockhead** + **Bacon Fat**. Fantastic shows in both venues and right away the last fixed shows with Benjamin.



live at De Rots, Antwerp



live at De Rots, Sint-Niklaas

31/10/2012: 'O Fiach's Irish Pub, Mechelen

And then there was this final 'goodbye' show with Benja. All the aces were there: an Irish Pub, Bacon Fat and a lot of old friends and fans who showed up to wave goodbye to this great guy we had in the band for seven years. It was a feast and the boys played like their lives were depending. The show lasted for nearly 3 hours and came to an end around 2 'o clock in the morning. The absolute encore was the **Andre Williams** classic 'Car with the Star' which hadn't been performed since early 2010. THAT was the perfect end for this line-up.

Set 1

Motorcycle Hotel
She's Cocaine
One on one
Morefun Boogie
Louisa
All blues
Sevcan
Shake that Ass
Hangin' Around
Liberty Bell

Set 2

Kick the Boogieman
You can do it if you...

My baby and me

Strip down
Pony tail
Who Knows/Joe Louis
Thug Job
She got me
Plain Sustain
Pretty little Thang

Encore

La Grange
Foxy lady
Jam
Hallelujah
Car with the star

Rumors and Gozzip

- Bacon Fat will be back in early 2013 with a new line-up, new stage set and some new songs
- More news will follow soon in the next newsletter and through our websites

T-Shirts and Tank Tops



They all feature an imprint of “*Boogielicious Benny*”, our little piggie. T-shirts are available in black only and come in size S, M, L, XL and XXL. All new shirts feature the new imprint as shown above. Price: € 15 pp.

As for the tank tops for the ladies: they come in both black or pink in size S/M or M/L. These are still with the old imprint as on the pics. Price: € 15 pp.

Distribution

All albums are distributed (both physical as well as digital with booklet) worldwide by **CD Baby** in the USA. The albums are also available at download-services like iTunes etc...

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<http://cdbaby.com/cd/baconfat3> (The Art of Freedom)

<http://cdbaby.com/cd/baconfat2> (Reinventing the Mojo)

<http://cdbaby.com/cd/baconfat> (Boogielicious Baby)

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