



*The bad ass
motherfuckin'
newsletter*

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G'devening

First of all: best wishes for the new year! Our newsletter seems to have been reduced to a single issue every year. This however has nothing to do with the band slowing down. Au contraire monsieur! The band has been even more busy than the previous year. In fact, the Heartbreaker Tour 2016 finally pulled Bacon Fat out of the muddy shades of downtown Sin City and put the band back on the map of rock 'n roll. And with 2017 in the air the band has some big news coming up and there's still no intention to slow things down. We can't wait for it all to happen but in the meantime we'll tell you the story so far. Enjoy...



Maison du Peuple, Flémalle

Eleven years of Rico Gee: Bacon Fat drums 2006-2016



left: Rico in 2015 / above: Rico's first show (2006)

In November 2005 Rico (aged 19 at the time) got a phone-call from W. in order to join Bacon Fat on drums. On May 13th, 2006 he played his very first show.

Eleven years later on December 11th, 2016 he plays his last show as official drummer of Bacon Fat. Due to an accident he wasn't able to play the two remaining shows of the Heartbreaker Tour. As luck was with the band his follow-up was ready enough to take over at once so no dates had to be cancelled.

That makes Rico the longest active member of the band (except for W. of course) in history to date. He was of crucial importance for the musical development of the band and there is no doubt he will remain part of the spirit and the soul of the group. During those eleven years Rico played 167 shows with Bacon Fat, along with dozens of jam-sessions and of course a few thousand rehearsals.

He can be heard on three albums: *'Reinventing the Mojo'* (2007), *'The Art of Freedom'* (2011) and *'Band of Brothers'* (2016). We want to put it absolutely clear that Rico leaves the band for personal reasons (family and work) and that he's still family to us. We can only be thankful for all those years he gave the best of himself to serve the band and we wish him all the luck possible with his family and other commitments. Namaste dear friend... rock 'n roll forever



Exit Rico - Enter Tommy

Indeed, if **Rico** is leaving a replacement is required. Rico immediately suggested his former drum-teacher. **W.** and **Neelzz** had played with this guy on several jam-sessions and overall it matched very good. When called he came over immediately, still not knowing why he was coming over. When asked to replace Rico he was in at once.

The band has been rehearsing with two drummers for the last two months to assure the switch will be smooth. And everything just had to be like this as faith decided to force the switch by making it impossible for Rico to play his last two shows. So a few weeks earlier than planned the boys were obliged to introduce the new Bacon Fat drummer to y'all: please welcome mister **Tommy McDuff**.

Tommy's roots are metal and curiously enough there lies his link with Bacon Fat. He used to play with a local metalband called **Dusk**. This was the band **mr Nasty** left back in early 2000 to start up a band that eventually would become Bacon Fat. That's how small the world is... Tommy kept playing with Dusk until 2008. From then on his drums were hidden in his cellar, only to show up again at some jam-sessions in café del Mar (RIP). That's where Neelzz and W. met Tommy. That's where the root of this new line-up was founded.

So a little earlier than planned Tommy played his first Bacon Fat-show in Mönchengladbach on December 30th. The band did three 45 minute-sets and Tommy played a hell of a show. Next day the band was to play semi-acoustic at a new year party and even on the cajon Tommy managed to play the full show (pic below).



Heartbreaker Tour 2016

With 31 shows this tour comes even to the record of 2003's 'Show Some, Steel'-Tour. Bacon Fat played a wide variety of shows from full electric big stages to half-acoustic tiny spaces. The band played shows in Belgium, Holland, Germany and France.

The release of the new album and especially the Heartbreaker video prepared a solid base for Bacon Fat to reboot with the actual rock scene and beyond. However, this should be only the start of the force and we just can't wait for what 2017 will be like. Bacon Fat will just keep on keeping on as they always did and if the vibes keep vibrating this heavy, things can only get better and better. Wait and see...



Suikerrock Tienen



POGS, Rheydt, Mönchengladbach (GER)

HEARTBREAKER TOUR 2016

27/02/2016	Album release party - Café Café, Hasselt
8/03/2016	Radio Benelux, Beringen
12/03/2016	HDC – Eastbelgium Winterparty, Eupen
3/04/2016	American Lifestyle Harley-Davidson shop, Zwijndrecht
7/04/2016	Deux Ours, Nandrin
16/04/2016	Private gig, Tienen
22/04/2016	Barbiertje, Hellevoetsluis (NL)
30/04/2016	Moonlight Music Hall, Diest
7/05/2016	FBA Belgium Weekend, Francorchamps
14/05/2016	Mirage Festival, Brustem
24/06/2016	Café Del Mar, Sint-Truiden
25/06/2016	Genk on Stage, Genk
3/07/2016	Truckshow Aalst Power On, Oktoberhallen, Wieze
13/07/2016	Time Out, Roosendaal (NL)
23/07/2016	Afterparty Bluesfestival bij Ford, Genk
31/07/2016	Suikerrock, Tienen
5/08/2016	Live a Life Rockfest, Stevoort
6/08/2016	Bouillon Blanc, Bouillon
26/08/2016	Café Heuvelzicht, Essen
27/08/2016	Private Party, Sint-Truiden
10/09/2016	The Pogs Irish Pub, Rheydt, Mönchengladbach (D)
16/09/2016	Maison du Peuple, Flémalle
6/10/2016	De Gebrande Winning, Sint-Truiden
8/10/2016	La Tavern, Nevers (FRA)
11/11/2016	Den Boemel, Turnhout
20/11/2016	20 years Barber Shop, Hellevoetsluis (NL)
25/11/2016	Private Party, Sint-Truiden
27/11/2016	Private Party, Borgloon
11/12/2016	10 'ke's Attic, Gent
30/12/2016	The Pogs Irish Pub, Rheydt, Mönchengladbach (D)
31/12/2016	De Gebrande Winning, Sint-Truiden

Band of Brothers Tour 2017

Here's the first dates of the 2017 tour. More to come of course!

20/01/2017	Muziekkaffee Elluceeke, Diepenbeek
21/01/2017	Mancave Rumble, Sint-Truiden (invitations only)
11/03/2017	t Kliekske, Landen
18/03/2017	10 'ke's Attic, Gent
29/04/2017	PXL, Hasselt
6/05/2017	FBA Belgium Weekend, Francorchamps
27/05/2017	Yellow Fever Rockfest, Geel

Rumour & Gossip

* Last year Neelzz became the proud dad of Laïs, his first daughter. W. accepted to be the godfather. Who said bands ain't family?

* W.'s dogs ZZ and Bucca are pleased Tommy finally bought a new pair of shoes (some All-Star lookalikes). Before Tommy only owned one pair of Flashy metal boots which drove the poor dogs mad.

* New t-shirts and stickers should be coming your (and our) way soon.

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/streams like iTunes, Spotify, Deezer, etc...

CD Baby, Portland, OR, USA

<http://cdbaby.com/cd/baconfat4> (Band of Brothers)

<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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