



street band

TOOS!





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date: October 4, 2002 18:29
to: info@straatorkest.nl
subject: London
Hello Toos!,

I saw you perform at Spa race and bought your CD
which is nearly as good as you lot are performing live.
I wondered if you would be coming to London at all?
Please let me know when, if you are.

Best regards to the lot of you.
Carol

You were great, last Wednesday in La Roche!!!
Keep up the good work, maybe we'll run into
you again. See you next year!



15-strong street band TOOS

Very special indeed...

'National Street Band', boasted Dutch street band Toos on their first cd. But that's incorrect, as the orchestra crosses the borders frequently, and, therefore, Toos should really be called an *International Street Band*.

Whatever the tag, Toos (pronounced as 'Toes' and founded in 1986) is a band with a character of its own and a unique sound. The musical arrangements are more often than not quite sophisticated, the program is versatile and above all the music is presented in a most catchy way. The crowd always seems to love it as much as the musicians themselves.

Bohemian Rhapsody, sorry no polkas Toos is a fairly large orchestra, a solid band of fifteen well-trained musicians. The band consists of saxophones (from soprano to baritone), flugelhorn, trumpets, trombones, French horn, tubas and percussion. It is a wind orchestra with an exceptional repertoire, by no means a straight-forward party or polka band. The audience is surprised by songs of all sorts and sounds, about fifty pieces that are rarely heard in the streets, as well as pieces for large ensembles, such as *A Brand New Day*. But you might also encounter parts of *The Threepenny Opera*. Or an Italian movie score may resound just before the street band seems to turn into a big band. Besides all this, Toos performs their own versions of many renowned pop songs, such as *Bohemian*

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From: Mandy
Sent: Monday, January 20
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Subject: Gig

Dear musicians,

Saw you play in Haarlem at the festival. I was very impressed by your music!

Rhapsody - on which occasion the public is invited to sing along, with the aid of handed-out lyrics. The musicians themselves sing too, sometimes even multi-voiced.

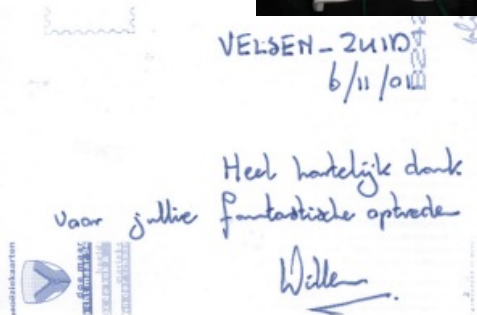
By the way, how often have you heard Stravinsky's Tango being played in the lively surroundings of city noises?

Beautiful music wherever you like
As a self-respecting street band, Toos has no amplifiers or cables. With no electricity needed, the orchestra is very flexible. This has contributed to the wide variety of places Toos has performed, such as:

- during warm summer nights in a crowded town square;
- in Belgium celebrating the National Holiday, and, for instance, in French Brittany at a street theatre festival;
- under the Eiffel Tower, on the promenade at Brighton and by the racetracks at Francorchamps;
- at all kinds of seminars and official receptions, but also during numerous open air festivities;
- amidst the flowers of an international gardening exposition and on a barge between the windjammers at Sail Amsterdam.

As well Toos has played, of course, countless times in even more countless streets - invited or just for the fun of it.

In 2002 Toos released the most recent live album: 'Band Loopt'.



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The line-up

The orchestra consists of 15 well-trained musicians, some of whom professional. Instruments: soprano saxophone, 2 alto saxes, 2 tenor saxes, baritone sax, flugelhorn, French horn, 2 trombones, 2 tubas, percussion. Most of the instrumentalists sing as well.

The clients

In past years, Toos has been invited to play by many organizations: cultural foundations, festival programmers, congress agencies, tourist offices, etc. The orchestra also performs regularly on its own initiative.

The summer's tour

Each year the orchestra sets up a summer tour. Thus far, Toos has toured the Netherlands, France, Belgium, the United Kingdom and Belgium.

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How much Toos costs

Toos plays performances from minimal 1 hour up to 3 times 45 minutes. The related costs depend on the required playing time and on the location. If you are interested in hiring Toos, please contact us. We will be more than pleased to give you more information.

