

THE ROCKIN' LAFAYETTES

☆☆☆ A GENTLE JUMP ☆☆☆

Mastermind Hannes 'Jimmi Lafayette' Bernklau founded the group back in 1986. Since then the band is alive and live playing. After some 20 years of from time to time varying line-ups, the right bunch (rejecting music and character) was found. So nowadays 'The Gentlemen of Jumpin' Low-Fi-Blues' appear as a trio.

Just as a big part of their music comes originally from southern U.S., they come from southern Germany – Fuerth/Bavaria (but they don't wear Lederhosen).

The mixture of music played by this three-piece is a trinity of

- raw Jumpin' & Rollin' Blues, R&B and Swing,
- sharp at the edge R 'n' R and Rockabilly,
- garnished with some 60's Beat(Punk) and Pin-Up-Jazz or Latino stuff.

Everything sounds as it should do: raw, dangerous, vibrating. Whenever it's possible the right live sound is achieved by their original 50's and 60's equipment (the good old valve amps). In their live sets on the one hand they include a load of self-written tunes, on the other hand they interpret more or less well-known songs with profound musical craftsmanship, humour and in a very spirited and energetic way. Not only music wise but also optically these men come along very respectable - wearing suits and hats. Around 30 years of stage experience pay out – promised!

In 2008 a big wish fulfilled - they supported no one less than his majesty,

Mr. Chuck Berry.

Conclusion: This Band is not going back to the roots – they are roots!

Line-up:

Hannes 'Jimmi Lafayette' Bernklau (vocals, guitar, mouth harp)

Ferdi 'Fat Jowls' Roscher (double bass, backing vocals)

Simon 'The Frog' Froschauer (drums, backing vocals)

The Rockin' Lafayettes played together with:

Chuck Berry (USA), Thee Headcoats (UK), The Masonics (UK), Darrel Higham (UK),

The Deltas (UK), The Kingbeats (UK), Johnny & The Roccas (UK), Smokestack

Lightnin' (D), *The Brewsters (D)*, *The Hot Rod Gang (D)*, *Boppin' B (D)*, *The Spider Murphy Gang (D)*, *Dead Moon (USA)* etc.

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