



# STINGER

ORIGINAL HARDROCK

PRESS KIT



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## COVER LETTER

Hello dear friends of proper hard rock,

we are **STINGER**, the band that you are still missing for your unforgettable live-event! We have achieved „best hard rock album“ of the German Pop & Rock Award 2017 and 2019 and we are sure we will also convince you with our wide range of own music, AC/DC cover songs and what else the rock giants of these days have to offer. You can book us as a part of the show, but also as the show itself! We can fill the period of an opening act, as well as the whole evening program.

We will inform you about our music on these following pages. If you wish to see moving pictures, then please have a look on our website [www.stingerrocks.com](http://www.stingerrocks.com), or visit the YouTube channel, that can be found looking for „stingerrocks“ as well.

You have a question about the technical details, costs or any other topic? Then get in touch with our manager Judy. Her contact details can be found at the bottom of each page.

We would love to play live for you.  
Until then - keep rocking!

**STINGER** rocks!



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## BIOGRAPHIE



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The award-winning band **STINGER** was founded in 2016.

The head and rhythm guitarist of the band is Matthew Sting. The voice of the band belongs to Martin „Schaffi“ Schaffrath. The lead guitar is played by the youngest member of the squad, Adrian Seidel. Bristle „Buzz Dee“ Johnson rules the drums and Simon Simon not only masters his bass excellently, he also finds a solution for every technical challenge the band may face. But how did these five become a band in the first place? Matthew Sting, who was working as a drummer for another band at the time, got a call from a friend, also a musician, in 2016. He was asked to represent his friend on one of their shows on the bass guitar. It then became two shows, but at the first rehearsal for their first gig, Matthew met the young guitar player Adrian from Chemnitz. He was immediately impressed by what this young guy, in his early 20s could do with a guitar and thought that he would definitely have him, once he may start his own band. In mid-2016, Matthew and Adrian met to zap through Matthew's demo songs. It quickly became apparent that the taste in music was almost identical to what Adrian was listening to. He liked it, and that was how the foundation for the success story of "**STINGER**" has been created.





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The all-rounder Simon already belonged to the original form of the band. The band's bass player was previously lead guitarist in another hard rock combo and not only plays guitar and bass, but also piano. Martin "Schaffi" Schaffrath has always been the preferred candidate for the vocals in Matthew's own band for a long time.

Originally, the Stinger guitarist thought that they would produce a charity-CD and that's it. Schaffi was asked to sing in for it. Matthew and Schaffi knew each other from their previous musicianship together. But since Schaffi is a very well booked man, it hadn't occurred to Matthew to ask him about being a part in a new band. So the little cheerful guy from Fulda really only joined the band shortly before the vocal recordings for the album took place. During a joint gig at the Bike & Music Weekend in Geiselwind in 2017, the last missing band member comes into play. Bristle Johnson and Matthew Sting already knew each other from previous music engagements and also rock star Schaffi was was a part of that time. So Bristle hears the familiar voice and really liked what he was listening to. And then the conversations after the show went on ... And one thing led to another! Everyone wanted to do something of their own and so they met again in the rehearsal room a couple of weeks later. The non-binding session hit the five guys right into their heart - everything sounded good, everything seemed right. Plans were made straight away! Thank goodness - because that's how **STINGER** was born!

At the first German Pop & Rock Award Ceremony, 2017 in Siegen, the band had their first show together in the current constellation.



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## LINE UP



Martin Schaffrath  
**VOCALS**



Adrian Seidel  
**LEAD GUITAR**



Bristle Johnson  
**DRUMS**



Matthew Sting  
**RHYTHM  
GUITAR**



Simon Simon  
**BASS**



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## PRESS RELEASE

Nowadays, honest feelings and passion are more in demand than ever.

**STINGER** is a band that carries authenticity as a large banner. There are musicians at work, who write hand-made, honest songs. The result is thoroughly honest, raw hard rock, with a touch of blues that lays above all.

Founded in 2016, they have already brought top-class reinforcements on board for the first EP "MOSQUITO" and the long player "DISADVANTAGED". Three former AC/DC members and other musicians from ROSE TATTOO, as well as DORO and DIO, were chosen for the recordings.

The proceeds of the silver disc, which was awarded the "HARDROCK ALBUM OF THE YEAR 2017" at the **GERMAN ROCK & POP AWARD**, were donated to a parents' initiative for children with cancer in Germany.

And then they did it again. With the current CD "COLOURBLIND", the band won again the **GERMAN ROCK & POP AWARD**, this time for the "HARDROCK ALBUM 2019". Furthermore, **STINGER** got awarded as the „**BEST GERMAN HARDROCK BAND 2019**“.

In front of 50,000 spectators, **STINGER** were part of the new edition of the legendary WERNER RACE and already got people's attention at the legendary German festivals „WACKEN“, „CLASSIC ROCK NIGHT PYRAS“, „BALTIC OPEN AIR“ and at the „BONFEST“ in Scotland.

Like a gunboat, **STINGER** fires from all cylinders and convince the crowd. The groove that the guys present goes straight into the ears and legs. **STINGER** do not attach great importance to frills. What counts is the attitude towards life called ROCK 'N' ROLL.

Anyone looking for a band that inspires rock fans of all ages will make the best choice with **STINGER**. There are currently only a few bands that can impress the press and fans alike.

Press photos are freely available at:

<http://www.stingerrocks.com/bilder.html>

Please take care of the credit that is stated on the pictures.





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## DISCOGRAPHIE



### MOSQUITO

released on 18th February 2017

Label: Sofa Records Cologne

#### details:

Hard rock in the style of AC/DC. Guest musicians on the album include Mark Evans (Ex-AC/DC) and Bob Richards (Buck & Evans).



### DISADVANTAGED

released on 25th March 2018

Label: Sofa Records Cologne

#### Album critics from RockHard:

"That's what I call a fat in-house production! For "Disadvantaged", STINGER brought together a number of well-known musicians such as former AC/DC members Simon Wright and Mark Evans, Ohrfeindt fronter ChrisLaut, Rose-Tattoo six-string Dai Pritchard and many more to donate the proceeds from the disc to children with cancer. Not only a noble undertaking by the combo from Allersberg, but also a damn good album that fans of AC/DC in particular and Aussie riff rock, with a helping hand of blues in general will love. My recommendation: 'Up To The Limit', 'Devil Rides Out' or 'Crazy Lady', turn up the loudspeakers and go berserk!

*\* You can listen to the record on Spotify, on [stingerrocks.com](http://stingerrocks.com) there is information and the boys' online shop. "*



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### VOLLSTOFF

released on 14th May 2018  
Label: Sofa Records Cologne

#### details:

Vollstoff is the first and so far only song by the band STINGER in German language. It was recorded especially for the concert at the Werner Race 2018.



### COLOURBLIND

released on 10th May 2019  
Label: Boersma-Records

#### Album cristics from Heavy Metal Heaven:

The fat dirty mosquito is back and is giving you another sting. Stinger are back in 2019 with the brand new album „Colourblind“. An amazing cover artwork catches my eye the first time I look at it. The content: Hard rock of the kind that everyone who looks into this direction likes and listens to - that now has to be rated. Here we go.....

With „Disadvantaged“, Stinger have set the bar extremely high for themselves. Now this new album „Colourblind“ needs to claim itself against a masterpiece. We are excited ..... The first song is „Hard To Believe“. It will immediately have you stomp your legs. I feel like I'm on a beer truck with a V8 engine that is rolling everything down. The beat goes into your blood and flows through your whole body. Rock'n'Roll, casual people and skulls are my first thoughts.





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"Mashed Potatoes" gives you the feeling of being free from everything. Stinger totally rock you here.

It's a lot of fun to hear these songs. Just dance, think nothing, be free from constraints and live this lightheartedness. Stinger convey this with "Colourblind".

"So Dark" comes threateningly towards you. The voice of Martin "Schaffi" Schaffrath cuts glass. A mid-tempo song with a killer groove and a gigantic guitar solo.

"Smile" is moving a little more forward. A rammer at its finest. The common thread runs through the new album. "Colourblind" - ties you to the speakers. You want more, much more!

The control bars are turned further and further to the right. The ground shakes and Stinger's music creates an earthquake.

"Deaf And Blind" is also rock'n'roll of the finest kind. Schaffi on the microphone was born for this kind of music. Like him also Matthew Sting puts his stamp on the band with his guitar rhythm.

"Suicide" rocks and rolls just like "Rollin Along" which impresses with its own magic. A somewhat dark, driving, slow song. Every song sounds like a stinger.

But every single song has enough potential to hold its own against the others!

Stinger don't have to worry about quality. Everything is really right here. Hard rock in 2019 with a catchy tune that is second to none.

It continues with "My Girl". Well, I'm sitting here with a dirty grin on my face and think to myself: "What awesome shit is going on here right now." ???

Stinger bring back life and the guitars. Listening in a whirlwind of feelings. Rock'n'Roll, good mood, lust for life, passion and live concerts - these are the keywords that underline this.

"On The Edge" is extremely tight. A breaker, a song that will clink glasses and rock people. Promised!!!

"Stick It In", the penultimate song from "Colourblind" leaves me sitting with my mouth open. How cool is this song please? A guitar riff that couldn't be better. A song for eternity.

This incredible journey ends with "From Heaven Above".

**Conclusion:** buckle up and make sure there is enough alcohol in the house. "Colourblind" will rock your balls. No one will sit on the bread hatch without a grin. Stinger beat the mighty "Disadvantaged" with their own rock'n'roll weapons.



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## CREDENTIALS

### GERMAN ROCK & POP AWARD

Just a year after the band **STINGER** was founded and the first larger joint gigs, the band was awarded the German Rock & Pop Award for the "Best Hard Rock Album" in 2017. With a large armada of fans, the band traveled to Siegen in 2017 to receive their award.

In the same year, the **STINGER** boys performed at the international MEKKA for fans of cultivated loud music, at the WACKEN OPEN AIR in front of tens of thousands of spectators. Other well-known festivals followed, including the BALTIC OPEN AIR at the German Baltic Sea coast.

In 2018, **STINGER** appeared as the main act in the „Red Bull racing circus“ as part of the Motorcycle Grand Prix of Germany (MotoGP) at the Sachsenring in front of an international audience. The big circus tent, that was built especially for the event was packed to the top.

In 2019, the newly released album „COLOURBLIND“ received another award for the „Best Hard Rock Album in Germany“ and if that hadn't been cool enough itself, **STINGER** were also named „Best German Hard Rock Band“ of 2019. A repetition is absolutely desirable!



Corona has unfortunately thinned out the current tour list a bit, but on the following page there are a few examples of previous references from the band **STINGER**.





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Bike and Music  
Weekend



THE NIGHT OF  
CLASSIC ROCK

- DYNAMITE AC/DC FANMEETING Headliner / Lüdenscheid GER
- BONFEST with Phil Rudd (AC/DC) / Kirriemuir GB/SCT
- BIKE & MUSIK WEEKEND Co-Headliner / Geiselwind GER
- W:O:A Wacken GER
- CLASSIC ROCK NIGHT with Saxon, Doro, Gotthard / Pyras GER
- HIRSCH with The New Roses, The Weight / Nürnberg GER
- MOTORRAD GRAND PRIX Headliner / Sachsenring circuit GER
- WERNER - DAS RENNEN Hartenholm GER
- STADTHALLE Headliner / Fürth GER
- STEIGERWALDHALLE Headliner / Wiesentheid GER
- INTERN. AC/DC FANMEETING Headliner / Geiselwind GER
- WE ROCK FOR NEPAL Headliner / Herzogenaurach GER
- KULTURHAUS Headliner / Harbke GER
- NIGHT OF CLASSIC ROCK with The Sweet, Uriah Heep / Fürth GER
- AC/DC FANMEETING Headliner / Ternopil UKR
- U.F.O. Last Orders Tour - Support with U.F.O. / Ingolstadt GER

**GERMAN ROCK & POP AWARD 2017** / Siegen GER

„BEST HARD ROCK ALBUM“

„BEST HARD ROCK BAND“

**GERMAN ROCK & POP AWARD 2019** / Siegen GER

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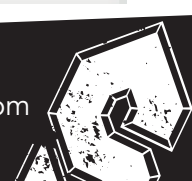
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## REVIEW

### A band review from Vinyl-Fan:

**STINGER live at the „Hirsch“ in Nürnberg, opening act of the New Roses, October 2017**

They come from Allersberg, a small town in the Middle Franconian district of Roth south of Nuremberg: STINGER. Founded in 2016, the band has already been nominated for the German Rock and Pop Award, my respect for that! Their role models are clearly defined: AC/DC. And with it their music: pure rock'n'roll - uncompromising, loud and direct, honest, without frills in the classic line-up. With lead singer Martin "Schaffi" Schaffrath, who is not only reminiscent of Brian Johnson in stature, the two guitarists Matthew Sting and Adrian Seidel, bassist Simon Simon and Teh Rencil on drums, they were now on the stage of the „Hirsch“.



It was 7:50 pm when the boys kicked off their energetic show. They did not mess around and got straight to the point. Around 200-250 people were already there and were amazed at what this formation delivered in front of them. The sound was loud, appropriate for the band's authentic style. And amazingly professional, these five know what's important. They don't just copy AC/DC, but interpret their musical output in a direct way that resonates with the audience. They were assured of applause that evening too. The fact that they only played three quarters of an hour as the opening act and unfortunately left the stage without an encore does not in the least diminish their strong performance. If you should have the opportunity to see Stinger at a full concert, you should definitely not miss this date!

<https://www.vinyl-fan.de/blog/22-fan-termine/406-live-im-hirsch-the-new-roses-the-weight-stinger.html> (in German)





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SOCIAL MEDIA

 **FACEBOOK**

 **Instagram**

**WWW.STINGERROCKS.COM**

 **YouTube**

can also be found at:

 **Spotify**  **Music**

**STINGER** goes with the time and can be found, of course, not only due to their international fan base, on the usual social media networks.

On **FACEBOOK** the hard rock band from Allersberg has more than 3,400 followers. Events, the Online Shop and any activities of the band are promoted on the Facebook platform.

[www.facebook.com/stingerrocks.de](http://www.facebook.com/stingerrocks.de)

The guys aren't present on **INSTAGRAM** for a long time yet. Only about 380 people are following us here. We are working on increasing this audience.

[www.instagram.com/stingerrocks](http://www.instagram.com/stingerrocks)

The biggest digital traffic is on the official **WEBSITE** of the band. You get all information, tour dates, fanclub requests, media info, pics, videos and many more. You can also reach their Merchandising store from here.

[www.stingerrocks.com](http://www.stingerrocks.com)

And last but not least **STINGER** also has a **YOUTUBE** channel on which you can find all the official videos, live footage, concerts and all the moving pics.

[www.youtube.com/stingerrocks](http://www.youtube.com/stingerrocks)



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