

MELANIE DEKKER - Here & Now 2011 (spring)

with Stefan Rapp and Martin Rose and sometimes Isaac Haullussy.



Most Laughter: Tina Bauer & Friends- German fans- who showed up on Dutch bikes to a show in Holland.

Most Pain: Mel: Fainting head first into a brick wall / Martin: Sore legs from running / Stef: Not recognizing his fingers or his guitar while playing Denmark song' in Denmark. You can see the black eye videos on

Youtube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJbbXeI834w>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_LWWrfGYgQ

Best Painter we have met: Thomas Ritter <http://www.thomasritter.net/>

Bands we've heard/met along the way:

- 1 Krista Detor -USA
- 2 Konrad Klubs -GER
- 3 Isreal Nash -USA
- 4 Christina Maria -CAN
- 5 Niels Borup -DK
- 6 Big Brandy & the Dominos -GER

Jam sessions: Mostly to Beatles songs in the wee hours of the morning or at breakfast. Svend the keyboardist being the most Jazzy of sessions.

Most touristic visits we engaged in:

NL: Keukenhof (Flowers!) <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keukenhof>

DE: Wilhelmshöhe Park, Castle and Hercules (Like a fairytale!)
<http://www.wilhelmshoehe.de/start.cfm>

Song Favourites today:

STEFAN: Meant to Be, Stare at the Rain

MARTIN: Flirtin' with me, Until the Wind Stops Blowin in DK

MELANIE: Flowers, Saturday Night Show

ISAAC: Speechless

RADIO: Flowers, Every 20 Minutes

CROWD PLEASER: Hippie



Highway Robbery: 70 Euro Cents to use the WC on the Autobahn. Books we are reading on tour: Desert Flower: Waris Dirie , Everything is Illuminated: J.S. Foer, Freedom: J Frantzenm, English-German dictionary



Surprising Facts:

It's illegal to dance on Good Friday in Germany. Mel's an early riser for a musician. One Easter tradition is to take kids door to door and at every stop the adult gets a shot of Schnapps. We can time Stef by the time it takes

to smoke a cigarette. Martin (from Berlin), his Dutch is excellent & perfectly ridiculous; his translations are like Google only 'better.

Some sound technicians will turn you up or down when you're TRYING to be dynamic. There are no ice machines in hotels in Germany or Denmark .. and besides ... many beers are served at room temperature. When you're in the band you will see each other's underwear hang out to dry on the clothes line...or from the window. You can drive your car into an elevator to get to a tunnel in Hamburg. Dogs are allowed in restaurants. The road kill on the windshield in these parts requires a wire brush & strong arms to remove. Nothing is 'pure chance'.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!! xo