



## BIOGRAPHY

*Hillbilly Rockers is a Country Music band built by Franck Bauquis in April 1999. Years have gone by, and a lot of shows took place in the whole area of Rhône-Alpes, and in Switzerland. During 2004, things changed and the band welcomed several new musicians: Jimmy (guitar, lap steel guitar, dobro), Jean-Hugues (Bass), Astrid (lead vocal, acoustic guitar) and Nathalie (fiddle) in 2006, whose motherhood took her away from the band in 2007. So Margaux (fiddle), as well as Freddy (guitar), joined the band in 2007.*

*Thanks to the skills of its members, the band gets more and more success, as well as a real particular sound, born from the members' alchemy. With a strong rhythmic and bass basis, the two guitarists can play strongly, with complementary sounds. The fiddle gives an inimitable touch of freshness and strength. When it is combined with dobro or lap steel, the fiddle provides the Country music sound. The lead vocal asserts itself, with no superficiality, and expresses at best the universe of this kind of music. Moreover, the true friendship of all the members converts every show in a moment of harmony, joy and sincerity... you can't be wrong about that.*

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## THE HILLBILLIES



**Frank Bauquis starts playing drums at 16, in several rock n'roll bands. Although still in love with the 50's music, his heart turns to Country Music when he was 20. Since then, he never betrayed it ! Here starts the Hillbilly Rockers Band journey!**



**Astrid sings since her young age with family band. She found out a passion for Country Music in 2002. She's full of respect for this music, these lyrics and you can feel it through her performance. Full of energy and faith in the band's music, her voice will touch you!**



**Jean-Hugues, bass player, starts playing music at 10. He's totally autodidact and first learns to play acoustic guitar, in the finger picking way that naturally leads him to Country Music. Jean-Hugues played in many bands, in many styles, from Bluegrass to Jazz. His main influences: Steve Wariner, Albert Lee and John Cowan.**



**Jimmy should have had 8 arms! He plays acoustic and electric guitar, dobro, lap steel... and with talent. He plays with different bands, in different styles. His genius sounds through the Hillbilly Rockers Music, with whom he discovered Country Music. Thanks to his different influences, the Hillbilly's Music sounds really particular.**



**Freddy fell in love with Country Music when he was a little boy, in his Swiss mountains. He joined the Hillbilly Rockers Band after 10 years with other Country bands. He's a big fan of Albert Lee and Brent Mason (electric guitarists) and Tony Rice (acoustic guitarist). He can play Bluegrass music as well as more rock Country music, witch fits perfectly good with the Hillbilly Rockers sound.**



**Margaux was only 15 when she joined the Hillbilly Rockers Band. She found out all about Country Music and the different Country/Bluegrass fiddle techniques. Thanks to her age, she's full of energy, and gives it generously to the audience and to her band mates! Miss Margaux played all kinds of music during her young life, and was first fiddle in the Geneva High Schools Orchestra.**

## References

- **Festival Eastern Country à la vallée verte en 2001 et 2002**
- **Festival de Froges en 2002, 2004 et 2008**
- **Remporte le tremplin au festival de Marignac, un des plus grands festivals de country de Suisse, deux mois seulement après les débuts de la nouvelle formation en 2004. Ils s'y produiront deux ans de suite sur la grande scène en 2005 et 2006.**  
*The band wins the 2004 Marignac Festival of Country Music contest. This Festival is one of the biggest in Switzerland. This victory happened as the band was only 2 months! The Hillbilly Rockers played then in the Festival in 2005 and 2006... but on the big stage!*
- **Festival de Bernex (CH) en 2004**
- **Fête Western d'Evires de 2001 à 2005, 2008**
- **Théâtre de la Verdure à Annemasse en 2006**
- **Concentration Harley Davidson en Maurienne en 2001, 2003 et 2006**  
*Harley Davidson meeting, Maurienne, in 2001, 2003 and 2006.*
- **Invité du Festival « The Renegade » à Turin (I) en 2008**  
*Guest at « The Renegade » Festival, Turino, Italy, in 2008.*
- **Festival de Aime (73) en 2008**
- **Fête sous l'Aiguille à Manigod en 2007 et 2008**
- **Soirées à thèmes «Country Line Dance » à la Grange à Jules depuis 2000**  
*Country Line Dance Nights in La Grange à Jules, since 2000.*
- **Soirée Country à Cap Périaz – Seynod en 2008 et 2009**
- **Divers concerts en Bourgogne, Rhône Alpes, Suisse et Italie.**  
*Several shows all over France, Switzerland and Italy.*
- **Sortie de leur premier album « At last » en 2006, diffusé sur les radios country et sortie en décembre 2008 du deuxième album « A Live » enregistré en concert à Cap Périaz (Seynod) lors de la 1<sup>ère</sup> partie avec The Ranchhands. Sortie en 2009 du DVD « Let's see », retraçant un concert filmé à Cap Périaz.**  
*In 2006, release of the 1st album , « At Last ». Several tracks were played in the Country Music radios. In 2008, release of the 2<sup>nd</sup> album « A live », recorded alive during a performance in Cap Périaz, France, as first part of The Ranchhand Band. In 2009, release of the « Let's see » DVD, from a live show in Cap Périaz.*

## NEWS

***Right now, the Hillbilly Rockers Band goes higher and higher! The band shares the stage with other famous European and American bands, such as The Ranchhands (USA), Joni HARMS (USA), Billy YATES (USA), Mike BLAKELY & The Whiskey Traders (USA), Thomas Michael RILEY (USA), Foster Martin band (CAN), DOC'ROLLAND and The Night Riders (USA), The BASKERY (Sweden), SLOW HORSES (Germany) , Kevin MONTGOMERY (USA), Jordan's Drive (UK) et Doug ATKINS (USA). The band is programmed in a lot of festivals and shows in France, Switzerland and Italy;***

***and it has a lot of outlines, and prepares the next album, entirely composed by its musicians.***



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