

Long John & his Ballroom Kings

***Jazz in the head,
rockabilly at heart
and swing in both
feet!***



The band is performing **jazz, swing** and jive. 2011 the band was performing 5 days per week for over six months at the Wintergarten Theater show “Peppermint Club” as the “Mint Tones”. Being the house band, Long John & his Ballroom Kings played swing dances since 2010 for [Capital Swing](#) events in Berlin, Germany and performed in France (2015) and in Belgium (2014, 2017) . Learn more on the band and feel welcome to the band’s homepage and guests e.g. [Huelyn Duvall](#) and [The voice of Dean Martin](#). The latest vinyl record is on CJRO Records in England (pub. 03.2017) and is featuring again Mr. Huelyn Duvall from Texas.

In June 2019, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the end of the 1948/1949 Berlin Airlift, approx. 40 historic airplanes will return to Germany a last time. On all local commemorations in and around Berlin Long John & his Ballroom Kings present their original “Berlin Airlift Swing”.

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About Long John



Do you know the first German rockabilly singer in (West-)Berlin or his band? After his first trio in the late 1970 Johannes-Sebastian Strauss aka John fronted the Sundowners in 1986 and backed-up [Carl Perkins 1992 in Berlin](#). (“Heritage” [video](#) including other legends from the 1950s.) Many years and bands later Strauss established “Big Bad Shakin’” and signed a management agreement for England with Shakin’ Stevens’ former manager Paul “Legs” Barrett. (Recordings have been published in the UK on Fury and Raucous Records.) The band performed e.g. 2004 at the “Shake Rattle & Roll Weekender” in Great Yarmouth” ([vid](#)) and in Bristol ([vid](#)).

Since the 1980’s the band leader and entertainer Johannes-Sebastian Strauss (aka Long John) did back-up Carl Perkins and toured with Wanda Jackson, Marvin Rainwater and several other rockabillys from Elvis’ glory day’s such as Ray Campi, Sleepy LaBeef, Johnny Legend.

Strauss established his first cowboy jazz band in 1993. Due to new impulses and demands his recent band was outgrowing of this group in 2007. For info on Strauss (in German) and a complete discography feel welcome to [Wikipedia.de](#).

All in all that’s 40+ years for rockabilly and western swing!