

**Long John & his Ballroom Kings**

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



Long John & his Ballroom Kings present exquisite jazz classics, preppy peppy swing and jive hits as well as original songs written by the band. The repertoire offers songs of the 1930's to 50's that have been exported from Germany to France, Belgium and England.

The ensemble provides an elegant, dynamic and full of passion distinctive style. They indulge their passion technically sovereign and perform with experienced international flair. The latest program has the sound and stories of the Berlin Airlift of 1948/49. The chamber orchestra occasionally uses the opportunity to pimp up the show with guests. Learn more on the band and feel welcome to the band's homepage and guests e.g. The voice of Dean Martin. The latest vinyl record is on CJRO Records in England (pub. 03.2017) and is featuring again Mr. Hueelyn Duvall (R.I.P. 1939-2019) from Texas.

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 are playing swing dances since 2010 for [Capital Swing](#) events in Berlin, Germany.

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the end of the 1948/1949 Berlin Airlift (BAL 70) in 2019, over 20 historic airplanes returned to Germany. On all local commemorations in and around Berlin Long John & his Ballroom Kings presented their BAL 70 show program. (Read more online on [show program](#).)

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For references/press/repertoire, discography and more:

[www.ballroomkings.de](http://www.ballroomkings.de)



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## About Long John



## Do you know the first German rockabilly singer in (West-)Berlin?

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.)

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.

Many years and bands later Strauss established “Big Bad Shakin’” (in 1997) 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](#)).

Long John established his first cowboy jazz band in 1993. Due to new impulses and demands his recent band was outgrowing of this 1993-group in 2007.

Strauss managed the “German Al Pacino” Rof Zacher for six years during the early 2000’s on non-movie projects.

“Hombre Hannez” (aka John) was a writer for the German rock’n’roll magazine Dynamite from the beginning (1995) to the bitter end in 2015.

For info on Strauss (in German) and his **discography**, containing 20 records (vinyl and CD), feel welcome to [Wikipedia.de](#).