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The musicians of Backyard are members of the "Society for musical performing and mechanical reproduction rights" – GEMA (Germany) and the "SACEM Association" (Luxembourg/France).

Backyard in a few words

BACKYARD means live energy !

The band is known for their catchy melodies, polyphonic backing vocals, driven by energetic drums and guitar lines, spiced with some of the finest keyboard sounds.

The band's aim is to put melody, dynamics and sound into one great exploding performance on stage.

Since the start in 2008, many new songs were written and recorded and **BACKYARD** made a lot of appearances on scenes in and around Luxembourg

Recordings:

2 EPs featuring the hit singles "Back in my Life" and " Blue Coloured Night"

appearances in 2013:

april 2013: centre de promesse Télévie, Reisdorf

june 2013: fête de la musique Kayl, supporting Luxuslärm

august 2013: eLake festival, Echternach *... see the Biography section for more details!*

Biography

BACKYARD are:

Mike Richartz	drums
Michel Blanc	guitars
Eric Schmit	keyboards
Larry Bonifas	vocals



Left to right: Marc Muller (b.), Larry Bonifas (v.), Mike Richartz (d.), Eric Schmit (k.), Michel Blanc (g.)

In early 2008, Steve Colin (vocals) and Mike Richartz (drums) met Michel Blanc (guitars), Eric Schmit (keyboards) and Charel Baumann (Bass) to bring BACKYARD back on scene. The new line-up led to a renewal of the 90's concept of BACKYARD's music. Common to all of BACKYARD's songs is the melodic expression of the lead vocals, supported by pushing guitar-riffs and flaming keyboard-sounds. The band's aim is to put melody, dynamics and sound into one great exploding performance on stage.

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Late 2011, BACKYARD knew some line-up changes: a new singer (Larry Bonifas) and a new bassist (Marc Muller) joined BACKYARD for Steve and Charel.

Now it is time to leave small Luxembourg behind, without forgetting the roots. BACKYARD has started to spread their music in the surrounding countries, Belgium, France and Germany, by concerts and releases: concerts in Belgium and France have been played, the EP BACK IN MY LIFE has been mastered and released in Germany at HOFA and is available i.e. on iTunes Europe and amazon.de.

▪ BESIDE APPEARANCES, SOME HIGHLIGHTS SO FAR:

- 2009** winner of the Rock the South Band Contest
- 2010** finalist of the ZicMeUp-Tour 2010 (finale régionale St. Amand)
- 2011** winner with over 40% of the public votes of the DNR Food For Your Senses Band contest and, as a consequence, headliner on FFYS (Festival - Tuntange)
- 2011** winner of Duel de Luxe on DNR with the song *Back in my Life*
- 2011, June 17th:** BACKYARD releases their first 3-track EP *Back in my Life* on iTunes Europe.
- 2011, July - August:**
- the single *Back in my life* enters the RTL Hitmaschinn iTunes Charts at number 5 and climbs to 2nd place. Mid-august, *Back in my life* still figures in the top 20.
 - since mid-July, the song has daily airplay as a part of the RTL music program as well the DNR music program.
 - the single *Back in my Life* enters the Eldorado Chartbreaker
- 2011, December:** *Back in my life* @ 47 in the Top 100 RTL Hitmaschinn feat. itunes charts
- 2012, January** BACKYARD are recording a new EP, again @ Holtz Studios, called "*Blue Coloured Night*" which is going to be released in late October on iTunes Europe.
- 2012, February:** BACKYARD covers Daniel Balthasar's (Luxembourgish singer-songwriter) "*All this time*" and enters his own organised contest.
- 2012, May 4th:** BACKYARD releases their same-named single on iTunes Europe.
- 2012, May 12th:** Again BACKYARD are entering the RTL-Hitmaschinn with a new song. *Blue Coloured Night* enters the RTL Hitmaschinn iTunes Charts as new entry at number 7
- 2012, September:** After several gigs during the first half of the year BACKYARD are working on new songs for their first album.
- 2013 appearances:**
- april, 2013 centre de promesse Télévie, Reisdorf
 - june 2013: fête de la musique Kayl, supporting Luxuslärm
 - august 2013: eLake festival, Echternach
- 2014? STAY TUNED...!**

RTL Hitmaschine mat iTunes

Loscht op vill gratis Musek? Da maacht elo mat a gewannt
Är 10 Liddër déi Dir gratis bei iTunes downloade kënn.

MATSPILLEN

HÉLLEF: Ech hunn en iTunes Code gewonnen!

1		Backyard <i>Blue Coloured Night</i>	KAFEN OP iTunes LAUSCHTEREN
2		Pitbull <i>Back In Time (From "Men In Black III")</i>	KAFEN OP iTunes LAUSCHTEREN
3		Flo Rida <i>Whistle</i>	KAFEN OP iTunes LAUSCHTEREN
4		Alex Clare <i>Too Close</i>	KAFEN OP iTunes LAUSCHTEREN

(screenshot RTL-Iphone App 19.5.2012)

Concerts



reTour 2009

- **Luceed (L) & Backyard** : Am Keller, Remich, April 30th 2009
- **Rock the South Festival** : Home St. Hubert, Pétange, May 09th 2009
- **Festival Food for your senses** : Tuntange, May 29th 2009
- **3rd Youth Festival Open Air** : Petange, July 10th 2009
- **Eldorado School's Out Festival** : PIKO, Rodange, July 11th 2009

CONCERTS 2010

- **I wanna Rock vol.1** : Cool Boules, Niederanven, January 15th 2010
- **ZicMeUp-Tour 2010 semi-finale** : Dinant, Belgium, April 19th 2010 , www.zicmeup.com
- **ZicMeUp-Tour 2010 finale régionale** : Saint-Amand les Eaux, France, June 8th 2010
- **Fête de la musique** : Dudelange, June 19th 2010
- **Fête de la musique** : Esch/Alzette, June 21st 2010
- **Festival A-Side for the national day** : Luxembourg, June 22nd 2010
- **Youthfestival** : Schouweiler, June 26th 2010
- **Backyard live at Public Viewing of the FIFA Worldcup Finals** : Schifflange, July 11 2010

CONCERTS 2011

- **Rock the South** : Headliner/Support, Petange, May 14th 2011
- **Food for your Senses** : open air/Winner of the DNR Band Contest, Tuntange, May 28th 2011
- **Social Jam Rockhal** : June 19th 2011
- **Be a part festival** : Leudelange, July 17th 2011
- **Back in my life CD release party** : Luxembourg d:qliq, September 30th 2011

CONCERTS 2012

- **EP-Release Anthem of the Sun** : Support, Luxembourg (Melusina Club), May 5th 2012
- **Concert** : Dudelange (BigBen Bar), June 9th 2012
- **Fête de la Musique** : Esch/Alzette (Main Stage), June 21st 2012
- **National Day Party** : Luxembourg (Rebello's Stage), 22nd 2012
- **Concert** : Dudelange (Why Not Bar), July 7th 2012
- **Concert** : Echternach (High-School Party), July 10th 2012

CONCERTS 2013

- **Centre de promesses Télévie**: Reisdorf, april 2013
- **Fête de la Musique** : Kayl supporting Luxuslärm, June 21st 2012
- **eLake festival: Echternach, august 2013**


CONCERTS DURING THE 1990'S: CAN BE FOUND ON OUR HOMEPAGE (HISTORY)

Recordings


- **2010:** BACKYARD Demo CD (6 songs) recorded @ Holtz Studios (Tuntange, Luxembourg)
- **2011, June 17th:** online release of: Back in my life (single)
- **2011 September, 30th:** release of: Back in my life EP (3 tracks), CD-BY02 recorded at Holtz Studios, (Tuntange, Luxembourg) and mastered at Hofa, (Karlsdorf, Germany)

	Track	Title	time	ISWC Sacem	ISWC GEMA
	1	back in my life	3'37"	T-802.781.839-0	11118549-001
	2	caught in poverty	4'14"	T-802.759.345-0	11013481-001
	3	corpus clock	4'12"	T-802.759.344-9	11013480-001

- **2012 MAY, 4th:** online release of: Blue Coloured Night (single)

	Track	Title	time	ISWC Sacem	ISWC GEMA
	1	blue coloured night	3'38"	T-802.781.839-0	registered

- **2013 January:** release of the EP: Blue Coloured Night (containing 4 tracks) CD-BY03 recorded at Holtz Studios, (Tuntange, Luxembourg) and mastered at Hofa, (Karlsdorf, Germany)

	Track	Title	time	ISWC Sacem	ISWC GEMA
	1	blue coloured night	3'38"	T-802.781.839-0	registered
	2	spatial stereo	4'12"	T-906.868.737.6	registered
	3	love and devotion	3'10"	T-910.977.478.9	registered
	4	silent moves	4'39"	T-906.868.738.7	registered