

# HERMES HOUSE BAND

## Biography

The Hermes House Band is Europe's #1 party band. After touring the world for the past 30 years and accumulating more than one million monthly listeners on Spotify, it's safe to say the Hermes House Band is always ready to party.

Performing all over the globe, all year round, the Hermes House Band has one mission: to bring the best possible party entertainment to people of all ages and nationalities. That's why the Hermes House Band is more than a cover band.

The Hermes House Band turns famous songs into party classics with their own unique style. That's why singles such as I Will Survive, Country Roads, Live is Life and Rhythm of the Night have all become international chart-toppers. Over the years the band has performed at beautiful venues such as the Brandenburger Tor (Silvester Berlin), Ahoy Rotterdam and the Kindl Bühne Arena. Along the way they've teamed up with other famous artists such as Lou Bega and Tony Christie.

## Get This Party Started

The place: Rotterdam. The year: 1984. The venue: the "Hermes" fraternity house. A recently formed group made up of students takes to the stage. The crowd goes wild and... Hermes House Band is born.

It was the start of an incredible journey. Early shows were received rapturously and when the band started recording, they became the stars of the Dutch student scene. Not long after that their reputation was sealed as the hottest party-starters on the block. Over the next ten years they toured relentlessly, providing a beautiful soundtrack to the best nights of countless young lives.

## Out of the Blue

In 1994, destiny intervened to transform the Hermes House Band from famous live performers to hit makers. It all started when the (independently released) single "I Will Survive (Lalala)" hit number 1 in the Netherlands, and subsequently broke into the charts in many other countries.

Then, a couple of years later during the 1998 FIFA World Cup in France, the song's catchy "Lalala" theme became the unofficial anthem for French football fans as 'Les Bleus' clinched their famous World Cup victory.

As a result the Hermes House Band's single shot to the top 10 of the French charts and the "lalala" chant became forever ingrained in Gallic culture. Then 20 years on, in 2018 after another French World Cup triumph, "I Will Survive" finally reached number 1 in the French charts!

## Rockin' All Over the World

The breakout success of "I Will Survive" led to the band scoring hits in other European countries. Their remake of John Denver's "Country Roads" reached the Top 10 in multiple countries including Germany and the UK, becoming a party classic of its own.

In the following years, the band focused on their international career, releasing singles and albums that became global hits. They collaborated with the likes of DJ Ötzi, Tony Christie, Jürgen Drews and Lou Bega. They even joined forces with the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra for a unique fusion of classical music and famous party hits. Thirty years after their formation, Hermes House Band are still riding high at summer festivals, après-ski parties and stadiums around the world.

And the beat goes on! Today, lead singers Jop Wijlacker and Sally Flissinge are still going strong. See you at our next show!