

FREEDOM BRINGERS SHOW

by the refugee musicians united
Belarusian. Ukrainian. Russian
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WHAT?

This is a visionary project aimed at promoting peace, freedom and the value of human life and rights through the collaboration of outstanding refugee artists from Belarus, Ukraine and Russia. These artists were forced to leave their motherland because of either pursuit of a dictatorship regimes or war. Doing that project together they showcase that despite all that terror happening in their countries they as free humans can collaborate and create together.

Despite their professional expertise and motivation, these artists face numerous challenges. Language barriers, unfamiliarity with the German funding system, and a lack of integration within the German art scene make it difficult for them to compete for grants and scholarships with their German-based counterparts.

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WHY & HOW?

To overcome these obstacles and showcase the immense artistic potential of the East-European refugee artists, we are creating a grand show that combines live performances of musicians from Belarus, Ukraine and Russia on one stage.

Through their collective efforts the artists will will convey the complexity and horror of dictatorship and war, while fostering a sense of hope and inspiring the belief that peace and freedom are attainable.

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WHO WE ARE : VASSEL & ROOBY (BELARUS)

Vassel & Rooby – a Berlin-based band originally from Belarus that doesn't limit themselves to one musical style but features two frontmen on stage. Since its formation in 2018, they played over 100 shows, ranging from clubs and arenas to festivals.

In 2023 Vassel & Rooby were granted the German Residency.

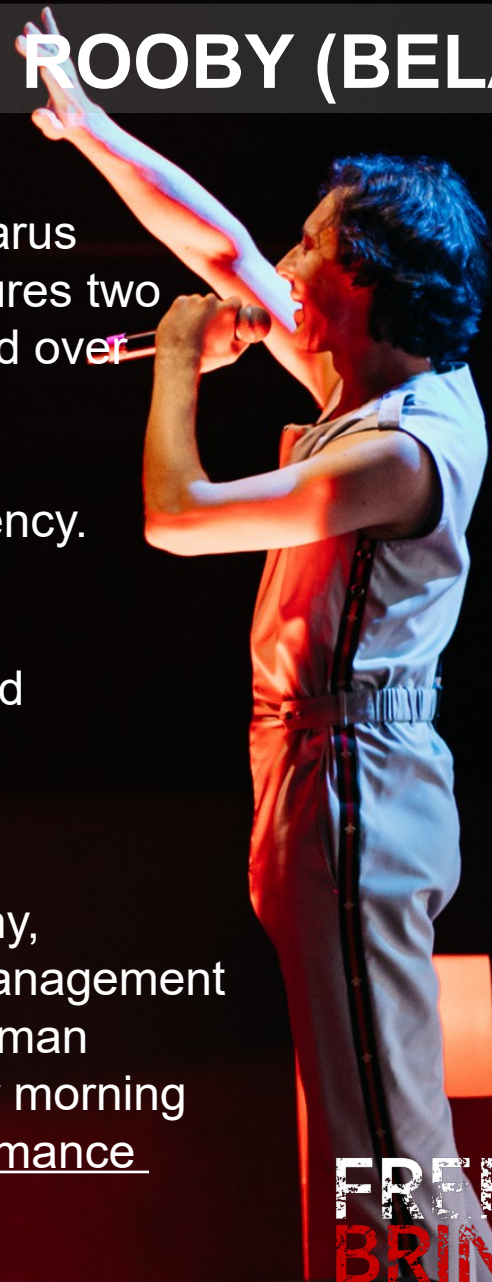
V&R: 'We lived for our entire life in the surreal totalitarian reality and despite that we've been creating our music filled with the sense of freedom. So we are often referred to as Freedom-bringers'

- In 2022-2023 V&R performed dozens of times in Germany, including the performances for the Deutsche Bahn Top Management
- On the 28th of July, 2023 V&R performed live on the German National TV – ZDF in 'Morgenmagazin' - the most popular morning show in Germany. [Click the link below to watch the performance](#)



ZDF LIVE VIDEO

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APPRECIATING FREEDOM. CREATING CHANGE

Our goals are to use music, visual art and performance as the means of communication:

- to remind the European youth the value of the unique opportunity to speak freely and not being put in jail or killed for that and to go whatever you want without tens of hours on border;
- to engage young people in Germany and Europe in general into supporting some actions as a result of being conscious about what's going on in the places where there's much injustice and violence (like in Belarus, Russia, Iran).



LIVE VIDEO



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WHO WE ARE: Arno Zillmer Diana&Oleg (UKRAINE)

There's a special trio: Oleg is an amazing violinist, his wife Diana plays the piano, and Arno is a German singer and guitarist. Oleg and Diana had to leave their hometown due to war. In Berlin, they met Arno and began making music together. 'With the songs we want to give strength not to lose faith in the good in us humans in all current darkness. We must stand up and feel love or we won't get through this. We all!' - says Oleg.



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LIVE VIDEO 1

LIVE VIDEO 2

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WHO WE ARE: DARI LIMAN (RUSSIA)

“I've been into music since I was 2, and I'm from Kazakhstan but have been living in Moscow, Russia for 11 years. I was always scared of war and had bad dreams about it. When the war in Ukraine started, panic attacks and childhood fears kept me up at night. I'd been wanting to leave for a while, and this was the last straw.

In Russia, I had my own music group and was a vocal teacher. My family's there too. But living there became impossible. So I left it all, even though it was tough. Here, I created a charity project together with Ukrainian musicians. We played music, tried to help them fit in, and did concerts to send money for aid. Now I'm going solo. Even though I don't support the war, some think I should be ashamed of my birth nation. I'm Russian from Kazakhstan, and I don't choose violence. Music keeps me going, making life better. I hope things keep getting better” – tells Dari her story.



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