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GARISH

"Music from another world" – Rolling Stone Magazine, 2004

Hundreds of years ago, Shakespeare used the word "garish" to describe things as extremely bright, sharp, conspicuous or remarkable. These words are also very appropriate for a band of the same name. The five young musicians from Austria, calling themselves "garish", are playing exciting guitar-driven indie pop music.

garish have released three albums so far, "amaurose pur" in march 2000, "wo die nacht erzaehlt vom tag" in february 2002 and "absender auf achse", their latest release from february 2004. Their first full-length cd raised a lot of attention: MTV Germany nominated them for the final of a contest called "MTV brand:newcomer". In Austria, some tracks were featured on major cd compilations such as the FM4 Sound Selection, and garish were nominated for the Austrian Music Award ("amadeus") as "Best Alternative Act".

Their second album "**wo die nacht erzaehlt vom tag**" earned even more attention all across the country. The first single "silber" climbed up the charts on nationwide alternative radio "FM4" to no. 3 and became one of the most played tracks there throughout the year. The album went straight into the top 3 of the alternative album charts in Austria and press reactions were overwhelming. Following the amazing success in their home country, the record was re-released in Germany and Switzerland later in 2002. garish played shows with JJ72 and Slut in Germany and kicked off their 2003-tour with an amazing performance at Europe's prime new talent festival *Eurosonic* in Groningen, The Netherlands. This show was broadcast all across Europe, followed by touring and festival appearances in Hungary, Switzerland and Germany.

With their third album "**Absender auf Achse**" they once again were gaining enthusiastic press and fan reactions with this highly elaborate, emotional and innovative piece of art. Listening to the sophisticated string-arrangements and the guitar-driven hooklines, the intuitive melodies and the enchanting poetry of the lyrics - you can't possibly not feel deeply touched. "Noch auf See" became a No.1-Hitsingle on several important "Indie"-Chartlists, got airplay even on MTV; the album was called "a masterpiece" by Germany's "Musikexpress" and described as "Music from another world" from the Rolling Stone Magazine.

Despite german lyrics, garish is – according to press statements - "as international as can be", because "some things simply go beyond all language barriers". garish have definitely given Austria a new definition of brilliant independent pop music. They are five people who have found each other for the mere intention to create music that is as personal as can be.

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