

BIOGRAPHY

WILD WILLY'S GANG

After a series of strong shows, Wild Willy's Gang is back with a new and upgraded show. With new songs on the set list, raw energy and rock-solid playing pleasure, the band delivers a hard rock experience you will never forget. At the forefront is "Wild" Willy Bendiksen, one of Norway's most legendary drummers, with a career spanning five decades.

The music journey began in 1971 with the band St. Helena. Later in the 70s, Willy made a name for himself in bands such as Flax and Høst, both of which left their mark on Norwegian rock history. In the 80s, he fronted the band Road, which was, among other things, the warm-up band for Motörhead and released three albums. Later, he started Blonde On Blonde, which evolved into Perfect Crime. Both bands toured extensively and released albums.

In the 90s, Willy played with Bad Habitz, a Thin Lizzy tribute band with Ronni Le Tekrø, before joining The Snakes with original Whitesnake guitarists Bernie Marsden and Micky Moody. The band released two albums and toured internationally. From the 2000s until 2013, he was the permanent drummer in Jorn, led by Jørn Lande, where he participated in seven studio albums and two live releases.

Wild Willy's Gang was established in 1993, and over the years Willy has been the band's constant driving force. The lineup has varied, and several of rock's big names have visited, including Ronni Le Tekrø (TNT), John Norum (Europe) and Brian Robertson (Thin Lizzy). In 2005, the band released the album Camouflage.

In recent years, Wild Willy's Gang has found a more permanent lineup and a clearer musical expression. The band has released several singles that have received very good feedback. The song "I Am A Voice", which was originally submitted to the Melodi Grand Prix, instead became a huge radio success and topped the Trøndertoppen for three weeks.

In 2025, the band's critically acclaimed studio album "Don't Back Down" was released - a powerhouse filled with original hard rock songs, spiced with a couple of immortal classics. The band is now working on new exciting material with a view to release in the near future.

Get ready for an evening of real hard rock, strong melodies, raw energy and musicians with top-shelf experience. This will be a concert you don't want to miss!

This is Wild Willy's Gang: Wild Willy Bendiksen - Drums, Bente Smaavik - Vocals, Svein-Erik Bjørklund - Bass, Tor Erik Myhre - Guitar