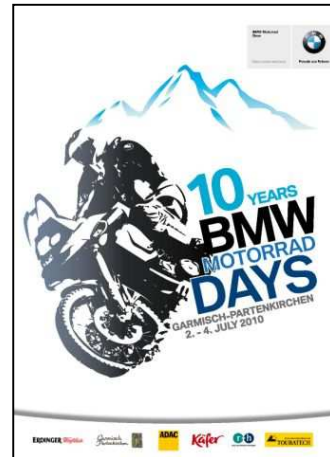


## Here come the girls The WILD CATS at the BMW Motorrad Days

One of the highlights at this year's BMW Motorrad Days event in less than a month's time will be the debut performance of female rock band, the Wild Cats. The five musicians from Germany and Austria aim to bring a touch of girl power and glamour to the tenth annual BMW motorcycle festival, which is expected to attract around 30,000 riders to Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 2 to 4 July.



Joining a predominantly male entertainment line-up, the Wild Cats will take to the stage on the Friday night in the Party Tent. Manager Günther Küblböck explains that the group are hoping to surprise and contradict the expectations of the international crowd. "Visitors can expect lots of energy and fun from the Wild Cats," he says. "Their set list and powerful performance may not be what most people would expect of a typical all-female band, however."

Inspired by classic rock bands such as AC/DC, Queen and Aerosmith, the band was formed by Günther and singer/keyboard player Manuela Schuhbaum seven years ago. "The idea was to create a band that could play live 100% and with exceptional vocals. As well as sounding great, they had to look amazing too!" explains Günther.



“Four of the five members have exceptional solo voices, so there is always a perfect chorus for the group vocals. Most bands need an additional choral group to the main singers, so that’s one of the ways in which the Wild Cats are unique,” he adds.

In addition to founding member Manuela, the Wild Cats consist of drummer/singer Tina Zacher, bass player Bylle Baringer, guitarist/singer Daniela Schrack, and lead singer Heike Wimmer.



With a mix of pop hits, rock classics and soul ballads, the Wild Cats have a broad and varied song list that will appeal to visitors of all ages and with all musical tastes at BMW Motorrad Days. Visitors can expect songs by artists such as Tina Turner, Prince, Gloria Gaynor, ZZ Top and The Zutons, to name but a few.

The Wild Cats are delighted to be involved with the tenth annual BMW Motorrad Days festival and are looking forward to the celebratory atmosphere during the legendary evening parties. “The Wild Cats hope the crowd will get involved by singing and dancing,” says Günther. “We are also looking forward to meeting the other musicians, and seeing all the wonderful BMW motorcycles that will set the scene.”

Günther and two of the Wild Cats, Bylle and Tina, have motorcycle licences, and the other members have all enjoyed riding motorcycles as pillion passengers. “You can say that we are all motorcycle enthusiasts in one way or another,” says Günther.

In addition to BMW Motorrad Days, the band is also looking forward to performing at other motorcycle gatherings in Europe. They have travelled far and wide throughout Germany and Austria since they started playing together five years ago, and have occasionally performed in Switzerland, Italy and Belgium.



**Stop press:** look out for a more detailed story on the girls themselves next week. For more information on BMW Motorrad Days 2010, including the complete programme of events, please visit [www.bmw-motorrad.com](http://www.bmw-motorrad.com). To find out more about the Wild Cats, please visit [www.wildcats-music.com](http://www.wildcats-music.com)