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Hella Donna

Hella Donna (means: "Hell, what a woman") is a Saxony (Germany) based pop project and stands for expressive modern pop - a powerful mix of groovy pop songs, rock tracks with electro-, house- and RnB-elements as well as emotional and soulful ballads.

Hella Donna was founded in 2003 by guitarist Sven Hessel from Plauen/Vogtland. Currently, the group is represented by the charismatic Anika Karabas (Vocals, Since 2011 successor to the former frontwoman Cindy Leißner) and her four fellow musicians Sven Hessel (Guitar), René Voigt (Bass), Lars Henrik Lincke (Keys) and Christian Scherff (Drums, Backing vocals).

By 2012, Hella Donna was back again after a creative pause - with new front woman, new program, new musical orientation and a new show concept. Also a new album and first live performances would not take long to wait for. "Groove On", the now third longplayer by Hella Donna, includes a total of 14 ballades, pop and rock songs. It was published in September 2012. The first single "Perfect" came out before, including the bonus track "Block by Block", a Hella Donna homage to the cult computer game "Minecraft". The accompanying video has already more than 280,000 views on YouTube. The second single was followed in October 2012: "Not the Cure". A song in cooperation with Grammy-Award winner Philip Larsen (also remixer for Lady Gaga, Katy Perry and more) was produced and nominated before the publication for the "Hollywood Music in Media Awards". The team around Anika Karabas is the first German band that was nominated for this American Music Award in 2012. In addition, the song reached top rankings in several dance and radio charts. So it was not surprising that the music video with a focus on the impressive front woman Anika Karabas was from the beginning of great interest. It was followed by airplays on many TV stations (A- rotation IM1 and MTV Music24). Also at the German Rock and Pop Award in 2012 and 2013 Hella Donna was one of the big winners. After 6 nominations in two years there were three initial placings for "Not the Cure" as "Single of the Year in 2013" and for "Groove on": "Best Producer of 2012" and "Best Cover 2012". Also: Nominations for the LSFM Newcomer Award 2012, winning the Bubble Beat Awards (Best Newcomer) of the Dude magazine and the BMT Award "Video of the Year 2013".

In addition to numerous television appearances and video airplay Hella Donna her fans in the last year live in Germany - Anika and the band grooved at numerous major events and concerts. Further successes on the World Wide Web: 500,000 Views in YouTube channel and over 18,800 fans on Facebook - and rising.

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Another highlight in April 2014 was a tour through Germany, Switzerland and Poland as the support of the British Led Zeppelin tribute band Letz Zep. Especially Anika and her boys were also excited to cooperation with the New European Wrestling League (N.E.W.) for a new anthem produced by Hella Donna.

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