

# FilkCONtInental 2004

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## GoH: Cosmic Trifle

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Progress Report 1

# Castle freusburg

# ■ Preface

The same procedure as EV'RY year...

FilkCONTinental 2004!

And again a jolly band of brave and un-daunted heroes are setting out to free the world of misery and boredom. (More of that later.) For this year we are giving you a real galactic Big Bang. Straight (well, as straight as possible) from England "Cosmic Trifle". Every single one of them is legend: Valerie Housden, Chris "The Magician" O'Shea, and Jonathan "Zander Nyronde" Waite. Whoever has not yet gone into raptures by now: go read the introduction and bios!

Will that be all? We have a castle, guests of honour, ConCom and what else was it we needed?

You. Have you booked your membership yet? You haven't? Well then. you wanna come - you gonna pay. Nice filk. Good music. Great ambience. Cosy bunk beds. Good food. let's rephrase that. Food. True, bunk beds are available in almost endless numbers, but seats in the concert room are not. We need to book accommodation early. So remember the dread DEADLINE July, 20, 2004. By that day you have to have given us your money or you'll lose your right to a bed - and what is even more disconcerting - to a place on the concert room and we'll pass it on to someone on the waiting list.

Whoever brings their offspring, please

remember that they have to pay for their beds if they are older than three. Please send a separate membership form or contact Kirstin.

To make the con a success we this time intend to kiss the feet of every single person who offers to do a workshop. On second thoughts, let us rephrase that again. We should indeed be grateful for any volunteers to. you know.

This year's FilkCONTinental souvenir will be: (imagine a drum roll here) Em-inently practical. And quite inexpensive. We promise.

So now go and read the rest of the PR and we shall get back to you with PR2. So long.

And thanks for all the fish.

**The league of  
extraordinary gentlefilkers:  
Katy, Kirstin, Volker,  
Anke and Franklin!**

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The accommodation fee includes bedding. You need not bring your own.

# Cosmic Trifle

You know them all as individuals. (Recite after me: We are all individuals.) Now get to know them as a unit.

There's Valerie, member of FilkCONTinental since the dawning of time. She was always there, sang her wonderful songs (even in German!) and made the harmony workshops what they are. Her favourite colour is pink. That has not gone unnoticed.

Then there's Zander. He came to FilkCONTinental in 2000. The tall, dark man with his exotic ambience and his simply wonderful songs. You all know them. "Sam's Song", our all time favourite, was written by him.

Chris "The Magician" He, too, has been to FilkCONTinental before. Twice. Remember him? The man with the coin trick. And the bouzouki. And the nice Irish voice. And the charming conversation.

So. We know them one by one. Now we get them as a team. The band "Cosmic Trifle" will be new to you but like us you are bound to like them. They sound folky with a kick. Their performance is full of good songs, fine humour and instruments. Many instruments. Lots of instruments: 6-string guitar, 12-string guitar, flutes, tin whistles, Banjos (three of them), fiddle, bodhran, djembe, mandolin bouzouki, zither, keyboard and accordion.

Please rest assured that rumours that they have tentacles instead of two arms apiece are totally untrue and nothing but evil slander. They do not belong to the Old Ones. Honestly. And the Necronomicon plays absolutely not part in getting

them to appear at FilkCONTinental. We don't have a Necronomicon. We don't know a Necronomicon. We don't know anybody who has a Necronomicon (and lives).

Anyway. They also sing. Songs. Good songs. Which have nothing to do with the Necronomicon. Mostly. New songs and old ones. ahm. they'll sing for us with some surprising arrangements.

They used to be known under the name "Just Plain Folk" which was somewhat misleading. We all know what they really are. And play. When the folkiest folk-musician left the band, the remaining filkers changed into "Cosmic Trifle". A fate that might not happen to anybody. A fate worse than death of chocolate. Yum.

They're addictive. Be careful. Very careful.







# The miracle logisticians are

The „Katy“

Kerstin "Katy" Dröge (home-page and hostel) – With her unsurpassable northern charm, she is one of our super-heroes. Filker of the first ones, the olden ones, the. (better not elaborate) and partner of Ju, the famous translator beast of Traal. Success paves their way like quagmire and quicksand. Their special weapon is the air-squeezer hug. Should the dreaded syllables "Hi, Sweetie!" echo your way - duck and cover. The ConCom will hand out head-sized safety paper-bags on request.

The Keeper of the Treasure  
Kirstin Tanger (memberships, money things, programme) – Just like J.F.K. (but we are sure

the similarity ends there) she is a Berliner - and I do not mean a jam-filled doughnut. She writes wonderfully sensitive songs and takes care of the ongoing well-being of the filkfund. Whether she sings about hunters of the night or hunts you down herself for the money you bid at the auction - she will do both with equal ardour and panache. So stand and deliver, don't delay. Pay. Or pray.

The Tech Warrior

Volker Tanger (tech, bank account) – Friendly and industrious he is, the backbone of the ConCom. Which is just as well because techies do not only use tech gear, they also have to schlep it. But, no cable is too long, no mixer too big, no button too high, no noise too obnoxious. High voltage zigzags from his fingertips. Volker records everything that has not made it to safety on the count of three. Without him we would not have the famous FilkCONTinental CDs either, even if they sometimes are just a little elusive.



THE  
**LEAGUE**  
OF EXTRAORDINARY CONCOM

**The Ligeau is ready –  
the game has begun...**

The Creativity Monster

Anke Teschke (progress reports, programme booklet) Fire is her speciality. She breathes it, has it in her heart and in her laughter and it is in all her ideas. Songs, lyrics, computer art, layouts and wayouts - the League depends on her. But beware, she is quick to draft not only sketches but also unsuspecting sudden volunteers to help with tasks one did not know anything about a moment before. And never wanted to find out.

The Rogue

"Franklin" Gunkelmann – No pun is too painful, no joke too bawdy, no shtick too time-worn. Like a hurricane he sweeps through the con with charm and - if necessary - broom. His most dreaded weapon: the double laughter with inside giggle. A lethal assault. And don't - don't ever get too close to him when he is carrying a box with ice cream. Ice cream - you scream..

# Our Castle

...is – again – Castle Freusburg! After already four years, and a certain feeling of „home“ within the walls of the castle, I can't think of something new to tell about the location and decided to rather let „pictures speak“ on behalf of the Freusburg. Additional information can be found at [www.filkcontinental.de](http://www.filkcontinental.de).



# ■ Participants ■ ■ ■ ■

## Guests

G01 – Valerie

G02 – Zander

G01 – The Magician

## Committee

00A – Kirstin

00B – Katy

00C – Volker

00D – Anke

00E – Franklin

## Participants

001 – Chris Croughton

002 – Lissa Allcock

003 – Phil Allcock

004 – Juliane Honisch

005 – Eva Wiest

006 – Rafael VanDaele-Hunt

007 – Rick Hewett

008 – G.A. Funnel

009 – Peter Wareham

010 – Alexa Klettner

011 – Christine Hintermeyer

012 – Ina Franken

013 – Sabine Kinder

014 – Michael Kinder

015 – Bianca Kranzusch

016 – Jela Schmidt

017 – Diana Osterritter

018 – Arne Babenhauserheide

019 – Sibylle Machat

020 – Kristina Weiß

021 – Marcus Raddatz

022 – Marion Beet

023 – Janet Waite

024 – Bamboo

025 – Ingolf Kranzusch

026 – Claudia Mellenthin

027 – Hanspeter Schafer

028 – Sue Edwards

029 – Carsten Kurte

030 – C.J. Ueberall

031 – A.J. Becker

032 – Manfred Diehl

033 – Klaus Kellewald

034 – Silvio Kranzusch

035 – Jürgen Hahn

036 – Christine Blum

037 – Rafe Culpin

038 – Petra Jörns

039 – Norbert Paulsen

040 – Maja Ilisch

041 – Christoph Rullich

## Kids & Cuddle Toys

01 – Alexander

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Have a look at our webpage! You'll find among other stuff contact info of people who may give you a ride to FilkCONTinental or information about the workshops:

**<http://www.filkcontinental.de/>**

You will also find a download version of the registration form!

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# Registration

**Send registration to:** Kirstin Tanger, Am Rosenhag 24a, D-12623 Berlin, Germany

FilkCONTinental 2004 • 01.-03.10.2004, at Freusburg Youth Hostel

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Area code/City/Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge-Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I will stay overnight at Freusburg Youth Hostel

- Friday till Sunday (01.10. - 03.10.2003): 57,- EUR/36,- EUR Kind (3-6J.)
- Friday till Monday (01.10. - 04.10.2003): 75,- EUR/47,- EUR Kind (3-6J.)

If possible I would like to share a room with: \_\_\_\_\_

- I definitely do not want to be in a mixed room.
- I am a vegetarian/would like to have vegetarian food.
- I am allergic to: \_\_\_\_\_

My con fee is:

Child (6-12 Years)

- 30,- EUR (until 31.03.04)
  - 33,- EUR (from 01.04.04)
  - Supporting: 10 EUR (Germany) 13 EUR (Europe) 15 EUR (World)
  - already paid!
  - Cuddle Toys' and infants' Badge 1,50 EUR (Name):
- 11,- EUR (until 31.03.04)
  - 12,- EUR (from 01.04.04)

I pay

- cash
- via PayPal (please contact Kirstin: [kirstin@edition-pegasus.de](mailto:kirstin@edition-pegasus.de))
- via Massfilc (cheque)

Please note! Due to fluctuations in the currency exchange rate we reserve the option of adapting membership fees and other costs according to the current rate, when necessary.

Please check our homepage for current prices!

Please do not pay by bank cheque, since German banks take outrageous fees (daylight robbery!) for foreign cheques. Thank you.

