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Chris Schermer is back! With the Bezirksblatt he spoke about his new Album „Diamonds from Demons“. Foto: Stef Vogler

He is Austria's figurehead when it comes to earthy, groovy, pop sound: Chris Schermer – guitarist, song writer, globetrotter. The Austro-Australian, with roots in Zell am See, spoke with the Bezirksblatt about his two and a half years time-out, his new album "Diamonds from Demons" and the new awareness of life shaping him and his music.

Diamonds from Demons

Chris Schermer is back - A story about the Austro-Australian Globetrotter

AUSTRIA. Chris Schermer said to the Bezirksblatt that "There were days when I hit myself in the face after a mistake during a concert because it didn't go as perfectly as I had wished". He has let go of that excessive perfectionism now and the quality of his shows are still first class – Schermer has distanced himself somewhat from the melancholy which affected his music. Now a much more positive vibe has entered his life, and therefore also his music. This led him to change the original title of his album from "Demons and Perfectionism" to "Diamonds and Demons".

Looking behind the curtain

After two and a half year's break, the Austro-Australian singer, song writer, talented acoustic guitarist and keen surfer is back on stage. Schermer said, "I could detach myself during this time-out and look behind the curtain at "reality", collecting the positivism which can now be found in my song texts. Everyone who is

familiar with Schermer's music knows that the "message" plays a central role. That makes the music and the people behind it tangible and authentic – emotion and the joy of living now wash over the audience.

New awareness of life, new CD

The path to a new "attitude" is expressed profoundly by Schermer, the son of an Australian interior designer and Pinzgauer businessman: "One often loses one's path in life, until one either awakes in paradise or in a hole. Firstly, one begins to think that paradise is too beautiful to bear; secondly, the hole is so deep that one tries to dig oneself out, only to find it becomes deeper – until one accepts the hole and acknowledges that it does not exist".

Exclusive concert in Kaprun

A must for all those who like earthy funk, folk, blues and groovy pop. His style lies somewhere between Jack Johnson, Ben Harper, Keziah Jones and Lenny Kravits. He has

played with the greats all over the world, as can be seen by the guest musicians on his CDs....David Leach (Jack Johnson, Earth, Wind & Fire), Leo Bei (Ostbahn Kurti), Alex Meissl (Tami Harrison) and Enzo Sutera (Konstantin Wecker). Chris Schermer is doing an exclusive concert in the Kaprun Burg on 19th June and at the beginning of next year is going on tour.



> Chris Schermer

Amazing finger picking, slap techniques and complex instrumental pieces, similar to the great Peter Ratzenbach, are all in a day's work. Chris did not begin his career in a music school but where all real musicians do – on the streets. His destiny drove him through the USA, Australia and Europe. He then attended the London Guitar Institute, the Music University in Graz, Austria (jazz vocal) and the Stella Academy in Hamburg, Germany.

- Exclusive live show
Friday, 19th June 2009, Burg Kaprun, from 8pm
Tickets at the door, €12.-

- uitar workshop
Saturday, 20th June 2009, Burg Kaprun, from 11am
Price: €55
Information: Tel. 0650317772

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