

BABA YAGA

Grenzenlos

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Baba Yaga is among the most exciting newcomer stars of the global world-music scene and is kicking off 2026 with numerous new releases and projects. This year, the band already captivated audiences with a thrilling international tour that enchanted listeners across many European countries.



Foto: Thomas Unterberger, Wien, 2025

This is Baba Yaga!

The figure of Baba Yaga, rooted in Slavic mythology, has long served as a muse for artistic and musical inspiration. She inspired the band Baba Yaga to embrace Eastern European sounds, to deliberately break open musical boundaries, and to combine them with skill and imagination. Their sound is virtuosic and fiery, inviting listeners into ecstatic dance. The music remains pure and authentic: violin, double bass, guitar, vocals, accordion, and percussion—because what more could you possibly need?

The five young artists come from three different nations and have been playing together since 2022, with the current lineup formed in December 2023. In recent years, Baba Yaga has filled numerous concert halls and festivals throughout Austria, including Porgy & Bess, Metropol, Kultursommer Wien, Donnerszenen Klagenfurt, ORF Radiokulturhaus, Klezmore Festival, and many more. In the summer of 2025, the band toured beyond Austria's borders, performing in Germany, France, and Switzerland.

Their repertoire spans wild Balkan tunes, klezmer melodies, lively swing, gypsy jazz, and oriental dances, as well as contemporary compositions written, reinterpreted, and arranged by the band itself, always leaving ample room for free improvisation. Baba Yaga embraces boundless freedom. Their sound is pure, and the fully acoustic instrumentation keeps it authentic, clear, and honest. Baba Yaga captivates all the senses of its audience and lures them into unpredictable and adventurous realms—places where people dance, dream, sing, and celebrate, just as Baba Yaga desires. After all, dancing is most carefree without borders.

Album: Grenzenlos

After two years of intense collaboration, the time finally arrived: Baba Yaga presented their first album on June 5, 2024, at the Wiener Metropol. The album is titled *Grenzenlos* (*Translated as boundless, limitless, without borders*) and was funded by the Austrian Music Fund. The title refers not only to the intentional breaking of stylistic boundaries but also to political and geographical ones. As a multicultural band whose members come from three different nations, their aim is to connect rather than divide.

Raffaella della Gemma explains:

“Boundaries don’t truly exist in reality—only in our minds. We live in Vienna, where there is a beautiful diversity of (musical) cultures that naturally blend together. The musical language knows no borders and works without words. We look for what unites us; we want to connect, celebrate the joyful sides of life, and embrace peaceful coexistence through music. Baba Yaga simply lives without boundaries.”

Michael Ternai wrote in his 2024 MICA review:

“Baba Yaga know how to translate all their diverse influences into gripping musical stories. You can celebrate and dance to their pieces just as easily as you can let their profound melancholy move you. The band ignites a fascinating musical firework on *Boundless*. The album is full of charm, emotion, wit, and pure joie de vivre. Truly a beautiful musical experience.”

The album is available on vinyl and CD and is distributed by Hoanzl. It is released on THE NEW, an Austrian indie label. Recording took place at TIC Music Studios in Vienna (1070) under the direction of Filippo Gaetani and Florian Hager. Mastering was done by Martin Scheer. The vinyl pressing was carried out by Austrovinyl. Album artwork is by Austrian artist Victoria Santibanez, with photography by Katharina Scholz.

Line-up

Florian Gunacker – Double Bass
Raffaella della Gemma – Violin & Vocals
Jasmin Meiri – Percussion & Vocals
Anela Cindrak – Accordion
David Mandlbürger – Guitar

Tourdates Dates 2026

more to be announced soon

22.01.2026 . Obere Mühle, Kultur in Dübendorf, CH
07.03.2026 . Braunau Gugg, AT
11.04.2026 . Seckau, Steiermark, AT
14.04.2026 . Konzerthaus Wien, AT
19.04.2026 Schloss Wolkersdorf, AT
15.05.2026 ZOA Festival, AT
31.05.2026 St Pölten ehem. Synagoge, AT
22.08.2026 . Kehl, DE
10.10.2026 Pressbaum Gasthof Mayer, AT
11.10.2026 alte Schmiede Schönberg, AT

Links

Website

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