

HERMES HOUSE BAND

Ooh la la! Hermes House Band is still enjoying the glory of hitting #1 in the French charts with their single *I Will Survive (Lalala)*. When the France football team blasted it out in front of the Élysée Palace, to celebrate their World Cup triumph, a whole new generation started partying to the Hermes House Band sound. Even President Macron joined in!

The upcoming year will be an exciting new chapter in the band's story, bringing new music releases, a TV documentary and a spectacular live show to mark the band's 35th anniversary.

The party kicks off in November with the release of the 25th anniversary version of the classic *I Will Survive*, featuring a remastered edit and the original extended version (single release date: 27/11/2019).

The next addition to the playlist will be a fresh take on the après-ski favourite *Daydream Believer* (single release date: 13/12/2019). Then, turning their attention to New Year's Eve, the band will release an original track, *The Silvester Song*, written specially for the occasion and filled with positive vibes (single release date: 20/12/2019).

All of these songs, plus *Ring of Fire*, will also be available on an EP entitled *Happy New Year*, (release date: 20/12/2019).

Then bring on 2020! The band will be appearing on numerous TV programmes next year, and getting their countless fans moving as they tour in Germany, Norway, Denmark, Romania, France, Great Britain and Turkey.

BIOGRAPHY

Hermes House Band is Europe's #1 party band, with over eight million records sold throughout 25 countries, across a 35-year career that keeps going from strength to strength.

They tour the world, all year round, on a mission to bring pure party entertainment to people of all ages and nations. They are also a hit machine whose singles – such as *I Will Survive*, *Country Road*, *Live is Life* and *Rhythm of the Night* – have been international chart-toppers.

Get This Party Started

The place: Rotterdam. The year: 1984. The venue: the “Hermes” fraternity house. A recently-formed group, made up of students, takes to the stage. The crowd goes wild and... Hermes House Band is born.

It was the start of an incredible journey. Rapturously received early shows and recordings made the band stars of the Dutch student scene, and before long their reputation was sealed as the hottest party-starters on the circuit. Over the next ten years they toured relentlessly, providing the soundtrack to the best nights of countless young lives.

Out of the Blue

In 1994, destiny intervened to transform Hermes House Band from live favourites to hit-makers. It all started when their independently released single I Will Survive (Lalala) hit #1 in the Netherlands, and subsequently broke into the charts in many other countries.

Then, during the 1998 World Cup in France, the song’s catchy “Lalala” theme became the unofficial anthem of the French team’s fans as Les Bleus stormed to their famous victory. Hermes House Band’s single shot to the top of the French charts and the “la-la-la” chant became forever ingrained in Gallic culture.

Rockin’ All Over the World

The breakout success of I Will Survive led to the band scoring hits in other European countries. Their remake of John Denver’s Country Roads reached the Top 10 in markets including Germany and the UK, becoming a party classic in its own right.

In the following years, Hermes House Band focused on their international career, releasing singles and albums that become global hits. They collaborated with the likes of DJ Ötzi, Tony Christie, Jürgen Drews and Lou Bega. They even joined forces with the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra for a unique fusion of classical music and party hits. Thirty years after their formation, Hermes House Band recordings are still riding high on playlists at summer festivals, après-ski parties and stadiums around the world.

Ain’t No Stoppin’ Us Now

2018 was an extraordinary year for Hermes House Band. Twenty years after its original release, the irresistible “la-la-la” chorus had become more popular than ever with fans of “Les Bleus” and, thanks to the French national football team’s second World Cup win, I Will Survive surged back to #1. Another landmark for the song arrived on 16 July 2018,

when it was sung with gusto by the entire French team, along with President Macron, in front of the Élysée Palace, the President's residence, where he was honouring the team for their triumph.

And the beat goes on! Today, lead singers Jop Wijnacker and Sally Flissinge are still going strong, along with five brilliant musicians. On the stage and in the studio, the Hermes House Band are keeping the party going as only they know how.