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Jen Majura, Bruce Gaitsch and more: Musikmesse presents the line-up for this year's Guitar Camp and workshop programme

Dynamic performances by top guitarists – plus a brimming programme with workshops and masterclasses: Musikmesse announces the definitive line-up for the 2018 Guitar Camp 2018. Eight first-class musicians will demonstrate their riffs and solos in a sound-proofed show cabin in Hall 9.0. There, visitors can sense the individual aura of artists who raise the roof at concerts with their original touring equipment. Additionally, all musicians will be available for discussions and autographs after their performances. New this year: hourly workshops and masterclasses on sound shaping and playing techniques.

Lovers of hard riffs can look forward to the return of Evanescence member **Jen Majura**. Taking part for the first time is Robbie Williams guitarist **Tom Longworth**. Also in the Camp: composer and studio legend **Bruce Gaitsch** and **Nico Schliemann**, who plays with the live band of Germany's 'Glasperlenspiel' pop duo.

These artists round off the line-up of this year's Guitar Camp, which also includes Annihilator frontman **Jeff Waters**, Freak Kitchen founder **Mattias IA Eklundh**, breath-taking **Nick Johnston** and Andreas Gabalier guitarist **Alen Brentini**.

This year's Guitar Camp workshop programme will be bigger than ever before: at the 'College', visitors can attend masterclasses and improve their playing skills – the 'Academy' offers tips for a perfect guitar sound. Besides the Camp artists, the programme also includes Germany's outstanding **Thomas Blug**, who has cooperated with acts such as Chaka Khan, Percy Sledge, Bobby Kimball and Don Airey.

New in the Guitar Camp

Jen Majura

Her 12-month world tour with *Evanescence* ends on the day before Musikmesse opens its doors, which means Jen Majura will come straight from the airport onto the Guitar Camp stage. Last year, her

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performances ranked among the highlights of the Musikmesse programme. This year, the Stuttgart-born guitarist (and band colleague of Drum Camp participant Will Hunt) is back again!

Bruce Gaitsch

The guitarist, composer and songwriter from Chicago can look back on a career stretching over 40 years. He was not only involved with hits such as *Madonna's* 'La Isla Bonita' and *Richard Marx's* 'Don't Mean Nothing', but also enhanced songs by *Joe Cocker*, *Céline Dion*, *Roger Waters* and many other greats with his outstanding playing technique.

Tom Longworth

Tom Longworth has been a member of *Robbie Williams'* band since 2012 and the megastar relied on the services of the Birmingham-born guitarist on the 'Let Me Entertain You Tour' and the most recent 'Heavy Entertainment Show Tour'. Just back from the gig in Australia, Longworth is making his debut at the Musikmesse Guitar Camp.

Nico Schliemann

Stuttgart-born Nico Schliemann has not only appeared with the electro-pop band *Glasperlenspiel* at the leading venues in the German-speaking region but also collaborated with well-known acts such as the *Weather Girls*, *Gregor Meyle* and *Stefan Stoppok*. Schliemann also enjoys an outstanding reputation as a guitar coach.

Provisional running order at the Guitar Camp (per February 2018)

Wednesday to Saturday (11 to 14 April 2018)

10:15	Nico Schliemann
11:15	Mattias 'IA' Eklundh
12:15	Tom Longworth
13:15	Jeff Waters
14:15	Jen Majura
15:15	Nick Johnston
16:15	Alen Brentini
17:15	Bruce Gaitsch

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11:00	Jeff Waters	College
12:00	Bruce Gaitsch	Academy
13:00	Mattias 'IA' Eklundh	College
14:00	Thomas Blug	Academy
15:00	Alen Brentini	College
16:00	Bruce Gaitsch	Academy
17:00	Nico Schliemann	College

All Musikmesse visitors can attend the performances, workshops and masterclasses free of charge. Registration is not required.

Further information at www.musikmesse.com

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Background information on Messe Frankfurt

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