

Buckshot

During the summer of 1995 the band Carat is formed as a backing band for a Bulgarian guitarist living in the Dutch village of Bergeijk. After several practice sessions the band decides that the collaboration with Emiel is not working out and they call it a day.

The 4 remaining band members regroup and become a cover band, adopting the name **Buckshot**. The band starts working on a collection of cover songs which they play live for the first time in the biker hang-out The Thunder Roadhouse in Eindhoven, in December 1995.

The musical direction is clear: solid and swinging rock music, which is firmly rooted in the fine '70's guitar rock tradition, topped with a modern "je ne sais quoi". During their gigs **Buckshot** play songs from bands like Deep Purple, Iron Maiden and Thin Lizzy, to name but a few.

Highlights in the following years are gigs in Belgium (The SuperRalley 1998), tours in England with fellow Bergeijk-based band Sequoyah (1999, 2000 and 2001) and support slots for bands like Rowen Heze, Band Zonder Banaan, The Scene and American band Living Colour in March 2004.

Celebrating their 10th anniversary in 2005 the band welcomes new guitarist John Sesink, giving the band a boost with his energetic guitar playing style.

In 2011 and 2012 the band contribute to a highly successful series of Proms-concerts in Bergeijk and Liempde. The resulting mix of rock music with choir, tuned percussion and a brass section is refreshing!

In August 2015 **Buckshot** headlines the Live Aid In De Kempen festival, playing a very well received Queen-set. The band gets support from Dennis Jansen, who adds keyboards and percussion. Dennis decides to stay (or won't leave...) and pushes the band to newer and even greater things.

Always staying true to their hard rocking roots, **Buckshot** still lives by their motto "If we don't like it, we don't play it!".

Buckshot are:

Giel van der Heiden	- lead vocals + extras
John Sesink	- guitar + vocals + premium bananas + books
Hainy Tils	- bass
Dennis Jansen	- keyboards, guitar, vocals and percussion
Ruud van den Hurk	- drums + vocals

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