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It is a known fact that no other country can compete with Germany for quantity, and often quality, of metal festivals. During the period of warmer weather from mid-May to mid-September (although it is still continental weather, so always have a raincoat handy), the problem for the German metalheads is that they are spoiled for choice, having to decide which festival to look forward to during each weekend, out of the three to four organized. Obviously, this ranges from one day events with five, more or less, local bands to the bedlam of the infamous Wacken Open Air, but this only adds to the variety and satisfaction for those who have metal in their blood.

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However, between very internationally renowned festivals like the underground gem Keep It True and gigantic ones such as the aforementioned Wacken or Summer Breeze with dozens and dozens of bands, stand some not so widely-known events, successful in Germany, but almost undiscovered as far as foreign fans are concerned.



Der Detze Rockt is a festival held in the state of Rhineland-Palatinate, in the western part of Germany, bordering with France, Luxembourg and Belgium, in the Rengen district of the town of Daun (Sportplatz am Detzenberg, Rengen, 54550 Daun).

It's located on a hill offering nice views all around, though no shelter from the sun as there are no trees at all, which can be tough with brutal, scorching heat like in 2022 with temperatures reaching over 40°C. However, the organizers are thoughtful and pro-active: they offered free

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potable water from a tap close to the entrance, while on the grounds they put two silos with water providing much needed refreshment in the form of sprinkling, and even added a couple of inflatable pools which were eagerly used by more adventurous visitors. The grass-covered ground, as opposed to concrete, asphalt or just soil/dirt like at some other open air events, also helps in case of extreme heat. And there are of course several gazebos with tables and benches.

On the premises, apart from the bands merch, there are stands with CDs and LPs by Dying Victims Productions and Metaleros, a few food stands, and, what is especially appreciated, you can get beer for a very fair price, while in the nearby sports facility you can also have coffee, tee and sandwiches for breakfast, as well as take a shower and use regular water toilets before noon. Last year, the organizers added also wagons with water toilets on the festival grounds, while on the camping grounds there are just portaloos.

The camping located right next to the infield is free for ticket holders and you can park your car next to your tent. Overall, the atmosphere is really relaxing and friendly and it reminds me of one of my favourite old school metal festivals, Headbangers Open Air, though Der Detze Rockt is smaller, with about 1.000 visitors.

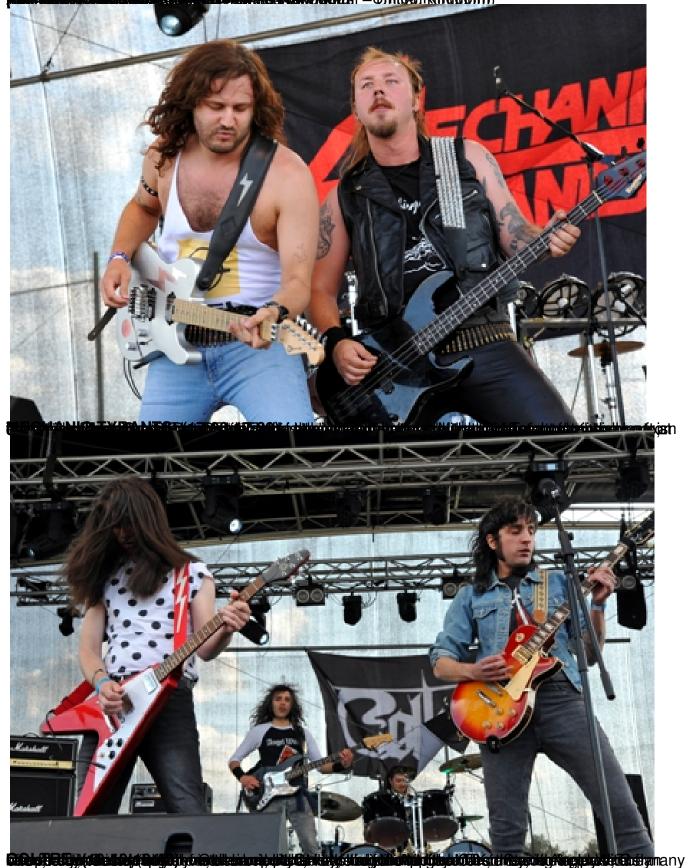
First held in August 2011 for a single day, it became a two-day event in its fourth edition, and moved from late August (perhaps too "hot" and crowded time for concerts) to June in 2015. The next edition, which is scheduled for June 14-15, 2024, is the twelfth, since, like many other events, it was suspended during 2020-2021 due to the pandemic restrictions.



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