

“MICHAEL SCHENKER FEST TOKYO”

FEATURING THE ORIGINAL MSG VOCALISTS
GARY BARDEN, GRAHAM BONNET AND ROBIN MCAULEY

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Michael Schenker - Lead Guitarist (6 years younger brother of Rudolf Schenker)

- 1970 - At age 15 - Michael records his first album with the Scorpions creating instant international recognition.
- 1972 - At age 17 - Michael joins the British Rock Band UFO for 6 Albums reaching their highest success ever.
- 1978 - At age 23 - Michael leaves UFO after recording *Strangers in the Night* becoming one of the most successful rock live albums of all time.
- 1979 - At age 24 - Michael opens the doors to America for the Scorpions with *Lovedrive*.
- 1979 - At age 24 - Michael starts his solo career.

Michael Schenker, one of music's greatest rock guitarists, will release “**Michael Schenker Fest Tokyo**” – a stunning new live recording and filmed concert released by **inakustik** on CD, DVD, Blu-ray and Digital on **Friday 24th March 2017**.

Filmed and recorded at Tokyo's **International Forum** on **August 24, 2016**, this historic concert features guest appearances from some of the greatest rock vocalists who have worked with Schenker over the years including **M.S.G.'S Gary Barden, Graham Bonnet, and Robin McAuley** of the **McAuley Schenker Group**.

“It's been a long time since M.S.G. - Live At Budokan,” says Schenker.

Like a miracle Michael Schenker returns to Japan with his past original singers from the '80's to celebrate the **Michael Schenker Fest** with Barden, Bonnet and McAuley at the amazing **Tokyo International Forum**. 5000 fans witnessed an anthology moment of quintessential hard rock music of the highest calibre.

Says Schenker, “It's a miracle that after all these years, something like this took place with the original band members of “M.S.G.”. Being able to go back to those days and celebrate the music is an exciting experience for us, as well as for old and new fans. To being able to re-experience, and for the new audience to get a feel of what it was like, is incredibly enjoyable.”

Continues Schenker, “It's an amazing feeling to have all of my M.S.G. Family from the '80's performing together and especially with **Graham Bonnet**, who I never got to play any concerts after our **Assault Attack** album that was originally released in 1982. Fortunately, being able to have the participation of original **M.S.G.** members such as **Gary Barden, Chris Glen** (bass) and **Ted McKenna** (drums) being part of it, and somehow, to perform with **Robin McAuley** and **Steve Mann** (guitar, keyboards) again as well, is pretty awesome.”

The Band:

Michael Schenker – Lead Guitar

Ted McKenna – Drums

Steve Mann – Guitar, Keyboards

Chris Glen – Bass

The Vocalists:

Gary Barden

Graham Bonnet

Robin McAuley

"It was just one enjoyable event from beginning to end," says Schenker. "Seeing those happy, excited fans right from the beginning before the show even started, was incredible. It was like Budokan all over again."

Schenker remains enthusiastic and overjoyed at performing Schenker Fest with Barden, Bonnet and McAuley all under the same roof in Tokyo.

"It's wonderful how we all got on with each other. It felt incredibly natural, as if it was always like this. Right from the start of rehearsal, the chemistry was great. No problems, just pure fun."

TRACKLISTING

- 1. Intro: Searching For Freedom**
- 2. Into The Arena**
- 3. Attack Of The Mad Axeman ft. Gary Barden**
- 4. Victim Of Illusion ft. Gary Barden**
- 5. Cry For The Nations ft. Gary Barden**
- 6. Let Sleeping Dogs Lie ft. Gary Barden**
- 7. Armed And Ready ft. Gary Barden**
- 8. Coast To Coast**
- 9. Assault Attack ft. Graham Bonnet**
- 10. Desert Song ft. Graham Bonnet**
- 11. Dancer ft. Graham Bonnet**
- 12. Captain Nemo**
- 13. This Is My Heart ft. Robin McAuley**
- 14. Save Yourself ft. Robin McAuley**
- 15. Love Is Not A Game ft. Robin McAuley**
- 16. Shoot Shoot ft. Robin McAuley**
- 17. Rock Bottom ft. Robin McAuley**
- 18. Doctor Doctor ft. Gary Barden, Graham Bonnet, Robin McAuley**

Michael Schenker Fest Tokyo is available in the following formats:

PHYSICAL

- **2 CD**
- **2 CD + DVD Combo**
- **Vinyl LP**
- **DVD**
- **Blu-ray**

DIGITAL

- **Hi-Res download**
- **Download**
- **Stream**

Michael Schenker started his professional career as a recording Artist in 1970 as a young hopeful talent in the **Scorpions** and followed this with a stint in the British hard rock institution **UFO** and then his own **Michael Schenker Group** before moving on to forming The **Temple of Rock**.

Over the years, Michael has not just experienced the highs and lows of life; but his development as a guitarist has been consistent, from a *German Wunderkind* to an experienced and technically highly skilled guitarist.

The Michael Schenker Group (abbreviated as **M.S.G.**) are a guitar-oriented hard rock band formed in 1979 by former Scorpions and UFO guitarist, **Michael Schenker**.

Michael Schenker's solo career instantly took off right from the start 1980 when the eponymous debut album, "**Michael Schenker Group**", featuring **Gary Barden** on vocals, entered the top 5 UK Album and Single Charts with ***Armed and Ready***, followed by the release of ***Live At The Budokan***.

In 1982, **Graham Bonnet** who had just left Ritchie Blackmore's Rainbow was temporary replacing Gary Barden and recorded with M.S.G. the album **Assault Attack** which was to become many musicians' favorite featuring **Chris Glen** on bass and **Ted McKenna** on drums.

In 1986, Schenker and vocalist **Robin McAuley** formed the **McAuley Schenker Group**, which lasted until 1992.

M.S.G.'s music is best described as mostly melodic hard rock with progressive undertones. Michael Schenker is famous for his black and white Gibson Flying V and for his unorthodox approach to lead guitar. Michael Schenker is sponsored by Dean Guitars and is well known in the neo-classical genre.

M.S.G. - DISCOGRAPHY

THE MICHAEL SCHENKER GROUP (1980)	Ft. Gary Barden (vocals)
M.S.G. (1981)	Ft. Gary Barden (vocals)
LIVE AT THE BUDOKAN (1982)	Ft. Gary Barden (vocals)
ASSAULT ATTACK (1982)	Ft. Graham Bonnet (vocals)
BUILT TO DESTROY (1983)	Ft. Gary Barden (vocals)
WRITTEN IN THE SAND (1996)	Ft. Leif Sundin (vocals)
THE UNFORGIVEN (1999)	Ft. Kelly Keeling (vocals)
BE AWARE OF SCORPIONS (2001)	Ft. Chris Logan (vocals)
ARACHNOPHOBIC (2003)	Ft. Chris Logan (vocals)
TALES OF ROCK'N'ROLL (2006)	Ft. Jari Tiura (vocals)
IN THE MIDST OF BEAUTY (2008)	Ft. Gary Barden (vocals)
LIVE IN TOKYO – THE 30th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT (2010)	Ft. Gary Barden (vocals)

McAuley Schenker Group was a multi-national band featuring core members **Robin McAuley** (vocals) and **Michael Schenker** (guitar), a successor (and eventual predecessor) to Schenker's earlier band **Michael Schenker Group**. McAuley was initially contacted to replace singer **Gary Barden** in MSG. However, the strong partnership immediately formed between McAuley and Schenker led to the change of the name from Michael Schenker Group to McAuley Schenker Group, retaining the same initials of the previous band "M.S.G."

Their debut album **Perfect Timing**, released in 1987, included their first hit **Gimme Your Love**. Two years later, **Save Yourself** was released, giving this incarnation of M.S.G. its biggest hit with the power ballad **Anytime** (co-written by McAuley and the band's guitarist, keyboard player Steve Mann), the album **M.S.G.** Schenker/McAuley followed in 1992, followed by **"Unplugged" Live** in 1992.

After that Schenker and McAuley went their separate ways. Michael decided to withdraw from the spotlight of the rock scene (doing occasional recordings with UFO and MSG, but focused mainly on experimenting with music, building a recording studio and had his own record company while also focusing on his development on a personal level.

2008 was Michael's return into the loop of rock'n'roll with a reunion album with Gary Barden "In the Midst of Beauty" on inakustik and from then on Michael developed step by step all the way back to the top again.

MCAULEY SCHENKER GROUP - DISCOGRAPHY

PERFECT TIMING (1987)
SAVE YOURSELF (1989)
M.S.G. SCHENKER/MCAULEY (1992)
NIGHTMARE: THE ACOUSTIC M.S.G. (1992)
"UNPLUGGED" LIVE (1992)

OTHER INAKUSTIK ALBUM RELEASES:

MICHAEL SCHENKER & GARY BARDEN: GIPSY LADY (2009)	Ft. Gary Barden (vocals)
MICHAEL SCHENKER: TEMPLE OF ROCK (2011)	Ft. Michael Voss (vocals)
MICHAEL SCHENKER: TEMPLE OF ROCK – LIVE IN EUROPE (2012)	Ft. Doogie White (vocals)
MICHAEL SCHENKER'S TEMPLE OF ROCK: BRIDGE THE GAP (2013)	Ft. Doogie White (vocals)
MICHAEL SCHENKER'S TEMPLE OF ROCK: SPIRIT ON A MISSION (2015)	Ft. Doogie White (vocals)
MICHAEL SCHENKER'S TEMPLE OF ROCK: ON A MISSION – LIVE IN MADRID (2016)	Ft. Doogie White (vocals)

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