

## TREE SONGS • BAUMLIEDER 🌿 Roland Zoss english Information

Love songs for trees, and a hymn to nature

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Rock, Flamenco, Folk, Sega, Reggae, Pop, Country music beaten on wood and plucked on strings. | English version planned | [Facebook](#) / [Video](#) | [iTunes Store](#)



**Album 1 • Trees of the North** | Oct 2018, Botanical Gardens Bern

Apple tree (*Malus*), Birch (*Betula*), Beech (*Fagus*), Yew (*Taxus baccata*), Oak (*Quercus*) *Music link*, Ash & Elm (*Fraxinus* & *Ulmus*), Raspberry & Elderberry (*Sambucus nigra*), Stone pine (*Pinus cembra*) feat. Corin Curschellas, Chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) *Music link*, Lime tree (*Tilia*), Redwood tree (*Sequoia*), Walnut (*Juglans regia*), Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*), Willow (*Salix*), Woodcarver, duet with Christine Lauterburg

**Album 2 • Trees of the South •** | March 3, 2019, open

Baobab (*Adansonia digitata*), Banyan (*Ficus*), Strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*), Carob tree (*Ceratonia siliqua*), Cacao tree (*Theobroma cacao*), Laurel (*Laurus nobilis*), Mimosa tree (*Acacia*), Olive tree (*Olea europaea*), Coconut and Date Palm (Phoenix), Lemon tree (*Citrus limon*), Cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*), Woodcarver, duet with Michèle Bachmann

### Masters of time

Humans are the masters of space - trees the masters of time. From the Germanic world tree to the apple tree on Merlin's island to the Elderberry tree in your garden. Some like the yew are immortal. They shape the landscape from the Arctic Circle to the tropics. These tree root giants are the largest living beings on earth. They communicate with fragrances, are socially networked - as a forest community they interlink their roots.

Trees give humans and animals home and food. They scatter millions of seeds. Hundreds of insects and beetles live in the "Hotel Oak". Trees collect rainwater, allow us to breathe and co-exist with fungi to the mutual advantage of both.

Some sky-storming jungle giants become 100 meters high, others more than 4000 years old.

They shut down their circulation in response to winter. When the climate warms they migrate towards to poles, during ice ages they move closer to the equator.

Trees have a character. Some species only thrive in isolation, others only in communities. Some need fire for their seeds to sprout, others need frost to germinate in spring. With their scent they attract insects and birds to pollinate their flowers. They float as parachutes across the width of the tundra. Or they let their seeds be transported to other parts of the jungle in the stomach of elephants.

### **The collector of myths**

A forest is medicine for body and soul. Trees give us the stuff to breathe and the power to dream. Trees let beetles, monkeys and parrots live in their crown. The children of man build huts in the realm of fairies and nymphs.

Trees were sacred to our ancestors – living beings with a soul.

In antiquity, gods transformed people into trees and the earth goddess Gaia her daughter into a laurel tree. In the shade of sacred trees, wise women blessed children and men found enlightenment: Buddha under the fig tree, St John eating the fruit of the carob tree.

### **Trees are air for us - we need them to breathe**

They have played rainforest symphonies since time immemorial. They make the birds sing. They have given us the violin and the drum, flutes and guitars. And not least the air we breathe.

That's why this tree-lieder cycle, played using wooden instruments, is dedicated to our root siblings.

Because we should never forget: our forests are the green lungs of the earth. They have a more ancient wisdom than has humanity. These stoic masters of time were there long before us. On their branches the birds will still be singing long after we are gone.

### **Let's sing a song to our children – let's plant them a tree!**

The tree-songs are the essence of a life in nature. Because one thing is certain: only if we love the trees and let the forests be, will we continue to live on this planet. Listen to "Mother Earth" - not to "Father Commerce". Let's sing tree-songs and plant a tree with our children!

### **The man with the trees**

... as a 25-year-old built himself a home with a garden on a subtropical island.

After the first tree (a cypress) hundreds of shoots followed, from seeds collected on tropical journeys. Tree after tree, year after year, he learned of the wisdom of the roots, their endurance, their power and adaptability. In the olive grove he found himself, sensed the fine lines of life. The heartbeat of nature. Later on he composed songs for the trees and wrote down his experiences in the book: [\*The Island behind the Moon\*](#) (English by Archibald McKenzie)

Many thanks to all supporters of this unique tree songs project!

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### **The Voices**

Roland Zoss

Christine Lauterburg

Corin Curschellas

Nyna Dubois

Brendan Wade

Michele Bachmann, "Anshelle"

Djamila Guillen-Tahar

Anna Murphy, former "Eluveitie"

### **The Musicians**

Julian Sartorius (hazel twig, different sounds on wood)

Wolfgang Zwiauer (bass, mandolin, OP1)

Alexander Balayev (drums)

Jean-Pierre von Dach (various guitars)

Toni Tortuga (12-string, acoustic and e-git)

Nick Perrin (flamenco git), Peter von Siebenthal (e-git)

Sämi Baur (drums in Ash & Elm)

David Stauffacher (percussions)

HP Brüggemann (hammond, rhodes)

Matthias Urech (keys, git)  
Nayan Stalder (hammer dulcimer)  
Catherine Rhatigan (celtic harp)  
Brendan Wade (bagpipe, whistles, bodhran)  
Kathrin Bögli (cello)  
Sandro Friedrich (duduk, jew's Harp)  
Christoph Wiesman (oboe)  
Mike Maurer (flugelhorn, trompet)

Daniel Marti (accordion)  
Markus Flückiger (Swiss accordion)  
Dani Häusler (clarinet, soprano sax)  
Reto Kamer (piano)  
Sepp Huber (double bass)  
Resli Burri (singing saw)

#### **Sound engineers**

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