



## SONOR DAYS FESTIVAL 2010

The first Sonor Days Festival was held on May 29 and 30, 2010, in Bad Berleburg, Germany. The program offered a variety of performances and master classes by an international array of artists, including **Gavin Harrison**, **Dave Langguth**, **Benny Greb**, the Carl Orff Ensemble, Ritmo Del Mundo (Stephan Emig, Néne Vásquez, and Rodrigo Rodriguez), Wolfgang Schmitz, Robert Brenner, and Jörg Lesch. Day one concluded with a set by the German AC/DC cover band Jailbreaker. Highlights of the event included Sonor factory tours, which were enjoyed by hundreds of visitors. For more information, go to [sonor.com](http://sonor.com).

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## ITALY'S GROOVE DAY 2010

The second installment of Groove Day was held near Milan, Italy, this past April 18, with a diverse lineup occupying three stages. (Sadly, **Horacio "El Negro" Hernandez's** flight was grounded by Iceland's volcanic-ash cloud.) Several duets were featured: **Christian Meyer** and **Giovanni Giorgi** played a melodic and sophisticated double-drumming piece, **Federico Paulovich** and **Riccardo Lombardo** exalted their soloist side, and **Roberto Gualdi** and **Stefano Bagnoli** showed what kind of fun can happen when a metal drummer meets a jazz brush specialist.

**Ronald Bruner Jr.** drove his drumming to an interstellar speed, focusing on a blend of energy and musicality. **Mylious Johnson**, who's popular in Italy as a session and live drummer, played hip-hop and dance pieces with his band. And **Dave Weckl** showed his extraordinary style, enhanced by new chops and techniques. Other sessions featured pedal specialist **Marco Iannetta**, teacher **Gigi Morello**, **Andrea Beccaro** on a Yamaha DTX electronic kit, and **Gianluca Palmieri**. In the grand finale, **Terry Bozzio** and **Pat Mastelotto**, along with bassist Tony Levin and guitarist Allan Holdsworth, played a meditative set of improvised music, writing a new page in the avant-garde rock story.

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