

# SOTATILA

Could you start off by giving us a brief history of Sotatila?

We got the idea of making band together (Jukka and Georg) summer 2004. Time passed and first practice was sometime end of 2004 and 2004. Pawel and Chris joined the band. We recorded first demo "eka demo" April 2004 and played a few festival shows on Summer 2005.

Why are your lyrics in Finnish language?  
Are all members of Sotatila coming from there?

Only Jukka comes from Finland. Pawel comes from Poland and Chris and Georg are pure Austrians. We all live now in Wien, Austria. It's best to sing in singers mother language and we think Finnish is good language for punk rock (but too ugly for European song contest as they kicked Finland out from there hahaha)

Which bands influenced your style most?

Sure you can hear the influences of early classic Finnish hc/punk like Appendix, Riistetyt, Kaasa, Terveet Kädet... but maybe as well some crust/d-beat/japanese/polish punk influences?

How is the HC/punk scene in Vienna?

Somehow good somehow not. Many people are making lot of different stuff but it's too divided to so many different groups like political activists, music freaks, hardcore kids, drunk punx "hilla punx", oi skins... there's many concerts and venues but also lot of critics against them.

What do you think about Austrian bands? There are some good bands like Ruidosa Inmundicia, Plague Mass, Shock Troop,... Are there more bands which are worth to check out?

You already named some of the nicest ones, also there's Kurwa Aparata, Amnesie Antinational, Deadline (Austrian one)... who are playing hardcore punk. Sure there's some other bands to maybe check out. There are also plans to make a compilation lp of Austrian hc/punk, hope it works out...

Since I live in Berlin I met a lot of older people who are still into HC/punk. In Austria are just a few older punks I think. Why is there such a big difference?

Comparing to Finnish scene it's pretty much the same. Maybe Berlin is Mecca for old punx??? Some of the old punx are just sitting at home and sometimes come to some special "old punx concerts". But what is old for you???

Have you ever smoked a Joint With Sheriff haha?

- (J) I don't like joints so I haven't. But he and his joints are my first memory from Wien when I was first time here with Diaspora 2000 heh.
- (G) Yes, was one of my first times I visited EKH I smoked a big joint with him and got extremely wasted
- (C) Maybe I have but I can't remember...
- (D) I also have smoked once with him and like rest of us, cannot remember anything more (what are you mixing your joints with sheriff!!!!???) hehe)

What do you think about the EKH and the shit which is going on there since the communist party sold the house to a fascist?

Fascist is out of the game now but we think he earned a lot of money with this shit. Very strange situation... seems like EKH will turn out legal like other old Austrian squats having to pay lot of money for the rent means having to make it more commercial like Arena. But let's see in which way it ends up...



chris - guitar

What do you think about the changes in the Austrian government when the FPÖ split up and some people there founded the BZÖ? And what about fascism, racism, antisemitism... which is still very strong in the society?

Still sucks (FPÖ/BZÖ) and the same shitty thing will sure go on and we think they are really wasted. Daily fascism and racism are pretty much existing here even Vienna is a multi-cultural city.

What have you released till now and what are your future plans?

We have yet made only a demo cd-r "eka demo". It's now sold out but can be downloaded from [www.sotatila.cjb.net](http://www.sotatila.cjb.net) It will also be released as tape in Czech by Ultima Ratio label someday. We're gonna record a 7"ep as soon as we have enough good material for it. It's maybe gonna be released by label from USA or Germany. If not then by us or something...

What are your texts about and why?

(J) As I make the texts I think I have to answer this... Texts are mostly about all the shit stuff that I (or we all) face in every day life. I could say political lyrics with also irony inside. Texts are always important and there's English translations included so everybody can check them out.

How is it for you, Jukka, to live in Austria and go on to play raw, Finnish punk? Is it a big difference to Finland?

(J) At least all the other guys like the style very much so they know what's up. So I cannot find big difference. Maybe it's cheaper to practice here because beer is cheaper, haha!

What do you think about politics in the HC/punk scene?

(J) I think it's important to know what is happening around us and fight for our rights but it's also important to keep the balance with yourself and try to enjoy living in this shit that surrounds us. And you can also always find those people from inside of our scene who want to brainwash you. so just use your own brain if you still have one!

(D) yee don't give a shit. Even if we have different ideas than politicians to change this world, we have to remember that methods to manipulate are always the same, doesn't matter what you read, listen or watch. I mean manipulation is also (very sad to say) happening in punk movement, soooo keep your eyes open wherever you are and don't forget that SOTATILA is also a kind of message which can wash your brain.

I think a lot of people want to see you! What about touring through Europe? Any plans?

We sure want to make a tour but it seems to be very hard these days to make it for us... now we are trying to make some new songs, recording and playing some shows in nearby places. If anybody wants to invite us for a gig - just do it! Hopefully we can make some longer tour soon.....

How can people get in contact with you?

Best is to write us e-mail [jukkeli@vuoritalo.org](mailto:jukkeli@vuoritalo.org) or checking [www.sotatila.cjb.net](http://www.sotatila.cjb.net) and leaving a message to guestbook.

Any last words?

Thank a lot Marco for this interview and your other help for us! Hope we can come visit Berlin soon! Kiitti vitusti!!!



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