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## The Official Tribute to **James Last** In honour of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of the most successful band leader of all times

To some people he may have been the inventor and pioneer of easy listening, to others Bremen's uncrowned "Party King" and in the eyes of many he was simply an extremely special person whose incomparable knack for making music let them leave all their everyday worries behind.

James Last would have celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2019.

In keeping with his life motto and lifeblood, "non-stop music", there is no better opportunity for such an anxiously awaited, exceptional musical treat. This series of concerts will be something very special. In the words of his wife Christine, speaking on behalf of the entire family:

*"I miss Hansi. Everybody misses him greatly. Getting used to life without him is a difficult transition to make. His incredible approach to life, his optimism and his music – I miss him dearly. That makes me all the happier to know that Semmel Concerts is organising a tribute in honour of his 90th birthday. A series of concerts that will bring his music back to the stage and let his incomparable spirit live on. After all, tomorrow is another day and this marks the creation of something new, just as Hansi would have liked it. A birthday party and a call to "keep on going!" – that was his life's motto anyway.*

**That is why we are now eagerly anticipating "The Official Tribute to James Last"** series of concerts as a special homage to a special person and artist who left behind a enormous musical and personal legacy, both in the history of German music and in the hearts of each and every one of us.

**This is our way of saying "THANK YOU!"** for all the wonderful melodies and moments that let us dream, dance exuberantly and celebrate, for a lifetime of musical achievements that connected, mesmerised and still fascinate and arouse the emotions of people all across the world.

**This is our way of celebrating a one-of-a-kind artist** whose productions were always a superlative – with many of the original musicians from his orchestra, numerous guests and friends and of course all his international hits.

Plus, at these concerts, we will give you a few extraordinary insights into the life and career of this exceptional musician with never-before-seen video recordings.

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During the last two decades of his creative career, Semmel Concerts Entertainment was the global tour organiser for “Hansi”, as he was affectionately known, and still feels strongly connected to him.

According to the agency's business manager Dieter Semmelmann:

*“My team and I were at Hansi’s side for quite a long time. This concert tour is our way of keeping his memory alive, celebrating him and thanking him. Hansi was always a forward-looking person and these concerts will be no different. Innovative and with music par excellence – that was always Hansi’s aspiration. In keeping with that, many of his musical companions and orchestra musicians, choir and string players will join together with new musicians under a new musical director to present an amazing concert experience.”*

Through this upcoming series of concerts, we want to ensure that the fabulous melodies and compositions of James Last are no longer in danger of languishing in vast music archives and the live feel of his music is not lost. It will give not just fans but everybody another opportunity to experience, live and with every fibre of their body, the musical cosmos, the energy and the creativity of James Last.

## The tour dates:

26 April 2019	Stuttgart	Liederhalle – Beethoven Saal
27 April 2019	Zwickau	Stadthalle Zwickau
28 April 2019	Berlin	Tempodrom
29 April 2019	Dresden	Kulturpalast Concert Hall
30 April 2019	Hannover	Kuppelsaal / Hanover Congress Centre
2 May 2019	Bremen	Halle 7
3 May 2019	Hamburg	Mehr! Theater am Großmarkt
4 May 2019	Frankfurt a.M.	Alte Oper Frankfurt
5 May 2019	Kempten	bigBOX Allgäu
8 May 2019	Düren	Arena Kreis Düren
9 May 2019	Oberhausen	König-Pilsener-ARENA
10 May 2019	Mannheim	Rosengarten – Mozart Hall
12 May 2019	Saarbrücken	Saarlandhalle

- Other concerts being planned – subject to alterations -

**Tickets are available at all popular booking offices,  
and online at [www.eventim.de](http://www.eventim.de) and [www.semmel.de](http://www.semmel.de).**

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