

dallas

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dallas are [left to right]:

Ivika Noop - keyboards
Allan Amberg - drums
Tauno Pääslane - bass guitar
Holger Loodus - guitar, vocal
Kristi Kindel - vocals

dallas come from Tallinn, the capital city of the Republic of Estonia - the northernmost and smallest (population 1.5m) of the three Baltic states in Northern Europe. Estonia only regained its independence in 1991 after half a century of Soviet occupation.

dallas formed in 1992, with the initial purpose of recording one song for inclusion in the first post-independence compilation CD of Baltic artists.

dallas played their first concert on 6th November 1992 at the Restko Bar in Tallinn. The group quickly became a vital part of Tallinn's "Heaven" scene (named after the club which became a focal point for new bands). Since then, dallas has toured Finland and performed live on Estonian TV.



dallas describe their music as "a blend of estrada, bossa nova and twist, '70s progressive, '80s disco and dub and the beginnings of '90s shoegaze."

In 1997, the dallas song "Your New Girlfriend" climbed to the top of the "international" pop music charts in Estonia. Because the lyrics are sung in English, the chart compilers had assumed that the song was performed by a new American or British act, rather than by a local group.

dallas compare their music to Stereolab, the Pastels, Velvet Underground, the Jesus & Mary Chain, Pulp, the Cardigans and Sonic Youth.

dallas say: "If you love easy listening, but you also like guitar pop, dub and '60s psychedelia (and you go to the odd disco night), then dallas is the band for you to fall in love with. Our music is pure entertainment. It has nothing to do with depressing tales of struggling musicians. Nor does it make you ponder over the injustices of the world."

dallas say that they are inspired by "the pop wave of the '60s - Velvet Underground, Can, Syd Barrett, Nancy Sinatra. The most radical people are from that time."

Following the international release of their debut CD, dallas were invited to perform several shows at Canadian Music Week in Toronto in March 1999. The group was invited back to Toronto in June 1999 to perform more concerts at the North By Northeast [NXNE] Festival, including an outdoor show that was broadcast live in its entirety on TV in Toronto. dallas made their US concert debut at the CMJ Festival, New York City in September 1999.

More concerts are presently being planned for North America and Europe.