STONEBOURNE – Über-Grunge from Nürnberg/Germany
Band Biography



Peter Loy (git), Sven Kartscher (voc, git), Dierk von Tesmar (voc, bs), Heinz Salomon (dr)

Grunge is alive. From Nuremberg. Loud. Raw. Real.

Since 2017, **Stonebourne** have stood for their honest, uncompromising **Über-Grunge** made in Germany – handmade, heavy, and with an attitude that gets under your skin.
Rooted in the rough sound of the ’90s, the four musicians from **Nuremberg** bridge the gap between nostalgic melancholy and modern power.
With gritty guitar riffs, dark harmonies, and a double-vocal punch, **Sven Kartscher (vocals, guitars), Dierk von Tesmar (vocals, bass), Peter Loy (guitars)** and **Heinz Salomon (drums)** create a sonic world somewhere between Seattle and Franconia – raw, intense, and full of soul.
A bit of Drop D, a bit of teenage angst, weltschmerz, and plenty of anthemic, energetic rock. Their music recalls giants like **Alice In Chains**, **Soundgarden**, or **Stone Temple Pilots**, yet remains unmistakably their own.
With their self-titled EP *Stonebourne* (2018) and the acclaimed album *Squirrels on a Plane* (2020), the band built a steadily growing fanbase through their tours – reaching far beyond German borders. Now, on **October 17, 2025**, their third release follows:
“Play this Record Backwards“ – an album darker, more mature, and more profound than ever before. Along with the extensive **tour of the same name, running from October 2025 to March 2026**, Stonebourne are bringing their Grunge sound to stages across Germany and beyond.
And it hasn’t gone unnoticed: **U.S. radio stations** have already picked up Stonebourne tracks – a rare accolade for a German Grunge band.
Stonebourne is no shallow revival – Stonebourne is modern Grunge for the here and now, living by the motto: *“We make Grunge great again! “*

Press Quotes:

Grunge is not dead! Here comes Über-Grunge from Nuremberg.

"The quartet breathes the Grunge era with every pore and every brain synapse. An authentically dirty sound that perfectly captures the Grunge spirit and completes the time jump back to the '90s." – ***Rock Hard Magazin***

„Squirrels On A Plane is full of romantic intensity, heady choruses, which we never tire of. I therefore invite you to take part in this Stonebournesque adventure of 15 stages in a landscape with massive riffs, shaken by good vibrations and where the emotional and bewitching singing works wonders." – ***Rock Metal Mag (France)***

"Don't be surprised if you hear more from or about Stonebourne in the coming months. Squirrels On A Plane could very well launch them onto the global music scene if they play their cards right." – ***Boston Rock Radio***

"Stonebourne can elevate your thoughts and throw you into a hole at the same time – and yes, they perfected the art of hypnotism to hook you with this 15-track album, start to finish." – ***Calcutta Grunge Exchange***

"Taking classic grunge and updating it for a new age, these fifteen tracks from Stonebourne show that grunge is far from dead." – ***Loud Enough Magazine***

"Kartscher sings wonderfully wistful in the best Kurt Cobain style and once again proves his knack for songwriting. Musically, this is very close to '70s hard rock, a bit like early Soundgarden albums – with plenty of grit. A charming somersault back into the '90s!" – ***Nürnberger Nachrichten***

"Retro? Not at all – at best timeless. Frontman Sven Kartscher definitely has his own charisma, not only due to his tendency for soul-baring lyrics. An absolutely worth-hearing newcomer, from whom we hopefully get to hear much more soon." – ***Musik Reviews***

Line-up: Sven Kartscher (vocals, guitars), Dierk von Tesmar (vocals, bass), Peter Loy (guitars), Heinz Salomon (drums)
Genre: Über-Grunge / Alternative Rock
Origin: Nuremberg, Germany
Founded: 2017
Releases:

- *Stonebourne* (EP, 2018)
- *Squirrels on a Plane* (Album, 2020)
- *Play this Record Backwards* (Album, release October 17, 2025)

Tour: *Play this Record Backwards Tour* – October 2025 to March 2026
Airplay: incl. UK and USA
For fans of: Alice In Chains, Soundgarden, Pearl Jam, Stone Temple Pilots, Bush

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