

MLTR to rock Guwahati on Dec 13



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After waiting for more than a decade, Guwahati witnesses the first mainstream International act of Michael Learns to Rock (MLTR) on the 13th of December at [Sarusajai](#), Guwahati, where they will rhythmically paint their love.

Garnishing good vibes globally, International Danish act Michael Learns to Rock, (MLTR), is back in our region. "Let's paint the [city](#) with loveeeee," said Kare Wanscher, drummer of the band with a gleam in his eyes [soon](#) after he landed at the Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati.

The performers are more than eager to be a part of the poly cultural ambience in this part of the country after rocking the capital on the 11th of December. The event is organised by Making It Happen (MIH), and is a pre-promo of METROPOLIS "[Urban](#) Winter [Festival](#)" [2016](#), in association with Northeast Today.

Young guns of [North East India](#), known for its fascination for music, are all geared up to welcome one of the most popular music bands of the world. The Danish band will be touring across many cities in [India](#) and is expected to sweep the crowd with their all time hits like 'Paint My [Love](#)', 'You Took My Heart Away', 'Sleeping Child', 'Someday' and many more.

MLTR's [India](#) visit is part of their 25th Live Anniversary Celebration Tour and they have performed in Mumbai, Shillong and Delhi during their earlier visit to t he country.

As Guwahati is all set to welcome the popular rock band MLTR, let us also refresh our memories about the origin of the band and have a glimpse at how it all began.

Way back in the year 1988, Jascha Richter, the vocalist and the keyboard player of the band, planned to put up a band together in order to perform his songs. He joined Kåre Wanscher, his high school friend and drummer and later he recruited guitarist Mikkel Lentz, who was at that time, associated with his [group](#) the 'Rocking Studs'. [As](#) the [group](#) was still in need of another musician, they approached Søren Madsen, another guitarist who was associated with Led Zeppelin, the English Rock band, to join in on bass guitar. The newly formed band quickly recorded a demo tape, intending to send it to the Rock Grand Prix competition in their hometown, Aarhus, [as](#) Jascha Richter already had a number of original songs.

Also, they had to settle with a name quickly and so Richter hurriedly wrote Michael Learns to Rock, [as](#) the name of the sender in the competition. Later Richter admitted that it was actually named after Michael Jackson and that he regretted giving the band that name but since the band tasted [success](#) very quickly, they decided to stick with the name and [over](#) the time got used to it. MLTR first publicly performed on May 22 1988, in Rock Grand Prix at Aarhus's biggest venue, Ridehuset and came up [as](#) one of the two winning teams, and continued playing live. Finally they signed a record [deal](#) with the Danish label Medley in 1989, but did not release their first album until September 1991. Although the band got some initial disappointments, "The Actor", topped the Danish chart and also did well in Norway, Sweden, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines. Hard work and passion paid off [as](#) in January 1992, the album topped the Danish charts, followed [soon](#) after by [success](#) in Asia, selling 25,000 copies and earning gold status in Indonesia alone. MLTR was now already making waves and [soon](#) the world was about to witness and enjoy one of the most popular and [heart](#)-warming songs of all times.

We played in [#Shillong](#) [#India](#) 10 years ago before Twitter;-)
Are you guys coming to [#Guwahati](#) tonight? See You! [#Assam](#)
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— MichaelLearnsToRock (@OFFICIALMLTR) [December 13, 2015](#)

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