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THE CLASH IN ÖREBRO

📅 OCTOBER 14, 2017 👤 JENS 💬 2 COMMENTS



*'I saw The Clash at the Big Hotel in Örebro
Then it never got better than that ...'*

So concrete autobiographically, Joakim Thåström sings in his 'Short Biography With Little Testament' on the opening song from *Kärlek Är För Dom* (2009). But what is the story behind? Well, on Sunday, October 9, 1977, The Clash completed a smaller Europe tour in the Stora Hotel's dining room in the Swedish provincial city, some 200 kilometers west of Stockholm. Present was Thåström, who has described the evening elsewhere as follows:

- I saw The Clash at Gröna Lund in June 1977. I saw them four months later also, in Örebro. The two concerts are the absolute best I've ever been to! Never has anything hit me so hard, I was completely paralyzed. They looked fantastic. My life changed the second they went on stage, forever. They came out like this ... totally crazy. Terrible sound! All my friends thought it was worthless, but I was completely shaken. They had everything! The best I've ever seen.

The evening's show was immediately delayed due to a phoned-in bomb threat and all hotel guests, staff, The Clash and their paying audience at the hotel's Club 700 had to be evacuated for a while. A Swedish photographer spotted Mick Jones out on the street in Swedish October rain, while police investigated the hotel...



Then everyone was shut in again and The Clash could go on stage in the Stora Hotel with this hard-hitting setlist:

- London's Burning
- Complete Control
- 1977
- Jail Guitar Doors
- Remote Control
- Capital Radio
- Hate & War
- Police and Thieves
- I'm So Bored With the USA
- What's My Name
- cheat
- Career Opportunities
- Janie Jones
- Garage Country
- White Riot
- 1977

And Thåström? He could go home to Stockholm and take the fire from The Clash into his new band Ebba Grön, soon to become Sweden's most important punk band. Since then, Thåström became a national rock star with the Empire, and today he performs with great success in his own name as an incomparable soloist whose beguiling music is able to unite people in Sweden across social divisions and ages. In that capacity he has just gone on tour for his new critically acclaimed album *Centralmassivet*. And tonight he plays Conventum Arena in Örebro - small 500 meters from the Stora Hotel - where this song will be included on the set list...

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★ **Jens**

OCTOBER 18, 2017 AT 1 P.M. 15:09

Hey BB. Thanks!

PS - Don't know if Thåström ever heard it.

Billy Budd

OCTOBER 14, 2017 AT 1 P.M. 21:04

Thanks for that story / anecdote. A pleasure to read.

I'm really looking forward to Joakim coming to KBH very soon - and you've really made sure my expectations are very high 😊

Ps. Have you received any reactions from Thåström on your version of Sønder Boulevard?

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