

## The musical group "The King and the Fool"

Briefly about them:

Soviet and Russian horror-punk band from St. Petersburg. The group was formed in Leningrad in 1988. It stands out for its unusual style for classic punk rock. The band's songs are small complete stories, often in a fantasy, mystical, as well as historical way. The stage image of the band was constantly changing and often included makeup corresponding to the theme of the songs. In the press, the group was repeatedly referred to as "cult"



## Group members and hits

Members: Gorshenev Mikhail Yurievich (Gorshok), Knyazev Andrey Sergeevich (Knyaz), Tsvirkunov Yakov Vadimovich, Shchigolev Alexander Anatolyevich (Lieutenant), Balunov Alexander Valentinovich (Baloo)

Hits and most popular songs: «The sorcerer's doll», «Forester», «I'll jump of a cliff», «Foll and lightning».

«Meeting»: In the spring of 2001, the group celebrated its 10th anniversary. To celebrate the anniversary, the King and the Fool released a collection of their best songs — "Collection", and also conducted a tour with concerts in all major cities of the European part of Russia, Siberia and Belarus. As part of the tour, the band performed concerts at the Jubilee Sports Complex (St. Petersburg) and at the small arena of the Luzhniki Stadium (Moscow).

A lot of people know this group. "The King and the Fool" is a cult figure for Russian rock, the same as "Cinema" or "Gaza Strip". The "Fool", in particular Gorshok, were unique in their extravagance, style and lyrics. There is something like a story or a fairy tale in the lyrics of their songs, because they are so original in their own way.



## Sunset of the group

On July 19, 2013, Mikhail Gorshenev was found dead in his home. Gorshenev did not live nineteen days before his 40th birthday. All subsequent performances of the band were canceled.

On July 22, a farewell ceremony was held with Mikhail Gorshenev. More than ten thousand fans came to say goodbye to the musician. After the farewell ceremony, Mikhail's body was cremated, fulfilling his last will. On August 14, the musicians made an extensive statement on the official resources of the group, in which they indicated that by the end of the year "The King and the Fool" will perform a farewell tour dedicated to the memory of Mikhail Gorshenev.

Unfortunately, there is no such rock anymore and there will not be, but do not forget that:

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