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FALCO'S BASS GUITAR AT DOROTHEUM AUCTION / First electric bass of Falco to be auctioned on January 31 in Vienna, Austria



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Falco's Fender electric bass guitar, played in the 70/80s during performances with the music group Drahtwaberl, starting bid €10,000

Falco (1957-1998) made music history and is considered a pioneer of German rap. With his 1985 hit *Rock Me Amadeus*, he remains the only German-speaking musician to reach the top of the US Billboard charts.

Dorotheum is now auctioning his first electric bass, which the artist played during performances with the Viennese anarchic rock

band *Drahdwaberl*. Bids can be submitted on the Dorotheum website from January 9 to 31, 2024 (starting bid €10,000, www.dorotheum.com/falco-en). A guitar case will also be auctioned.

The Fender Jazz Bass is a cult instrument in pop and rock history. *Falco* gifted it to his longtime friend Billy Filanowski in 1983, who is now putting his former birthday present up for auction. "FOR BILL FROM HANS, 15.11.1983" reads *Falco's* dedication on the musical instrument.

Billy Filanowski had been *Falco's* closest companion since his youth and appeared in numerous *Falco* music videos. The recipient had the plexiglass case made for the bass decorated with a gray moiré fabric, similar to the one used for one of *Falco's* stage suits designed by Helmut Lang (this suit is currently preserved in the Wien Museum).

On January 31, the instrument will be auctioned in the artist's hometown: located in the heart of Vienna since 1707, Dorotheum is the leading auction house in Central Europe. Dorotheum unites such segments of the arts as Old Master Paintings and Contemporary Art with antiques ranging from Jugendstil, porcelain, silver, and furniture to design, jewelry, and watches.

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