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### **Smiledriver: Four professional musicians cover cult band Status Quo**

The band Status Quo have been touring for 40yrs and in the world of Rock n Roll are one of the biggest names of all their music is instantly known by young & old.  
The Berlin band Smiledriver formed in September 2004 .

The 4 band members are all professionals and have all played over 30 years in Berlin and Europe and recorded numerous records & CD`s .  
The four musicians discovered that they all loved the music of Status Quo and decided to form this band .  
The name Smiledriver is a play on words from the 1973 album Piledriver .

Smiledriver lead singer Ginger Taylor was born in the same part of south east London as Status Quo and at the age of 17 actually met guitarist Francis Rossi at a gig in London where Francis gave him a pint of beer " I think it was an effort to get rid of me" said Ginger.  
Rolf Rettberg made a name for himself in the German rock seen of the 70s on stage and in the studio. at the end of the 60s Status Quo was the 1<sup>st</sup> band he loved.  
Tom Baumgarte is the bass man he too has toured many years with numerous German & American musicians on stage and in the studio.  
Ralph Weber is the animal behind the drums he's responsible for that driving beat that is needed for an authentic sound . he has played many years together with guitarist Rolf Rettberg.