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Ace of Base  
Amsterdam 1999

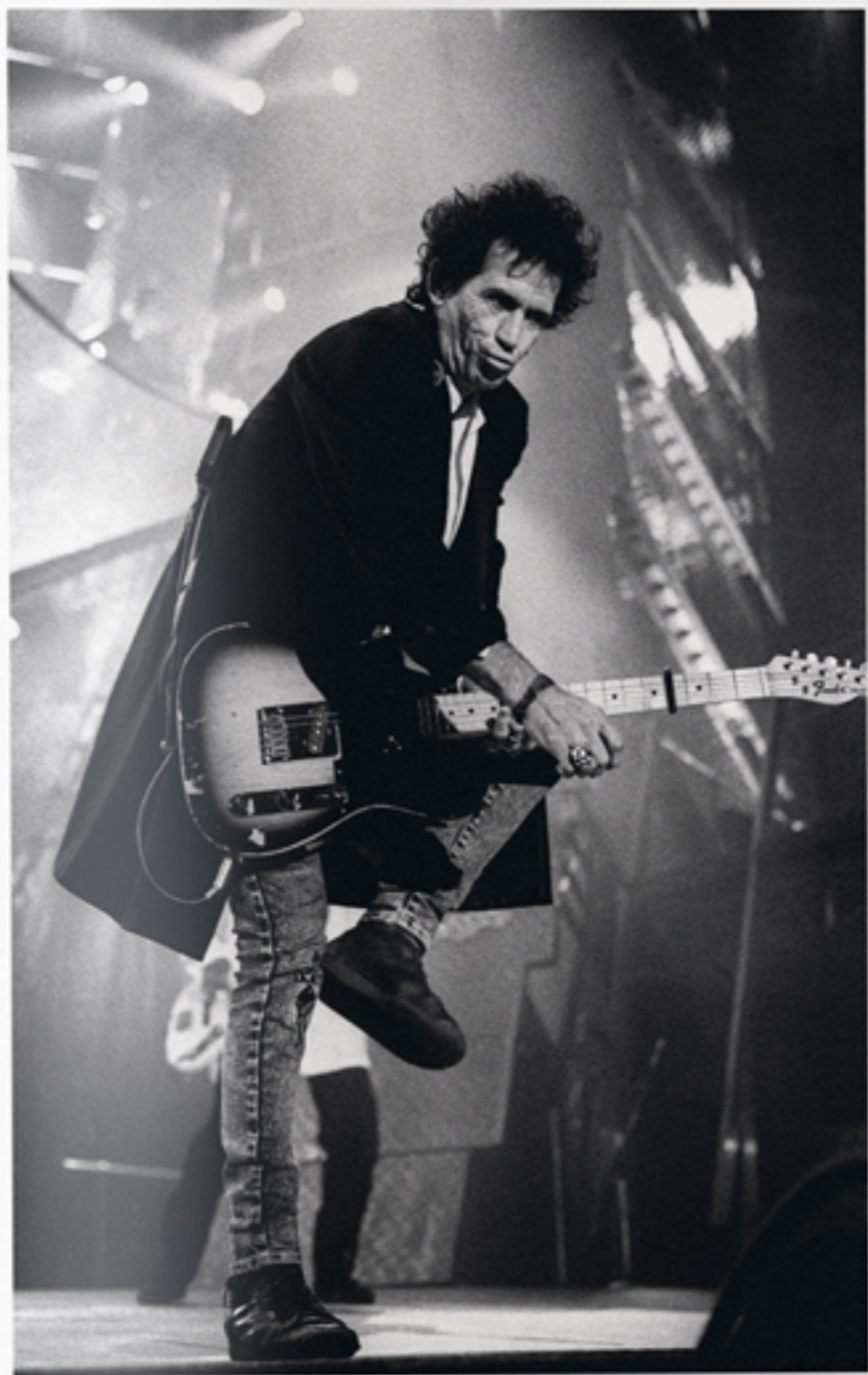


Fish  
Amsterdam 1999





Keith Richards, The Rolling Stones  
Rotterdam 1990

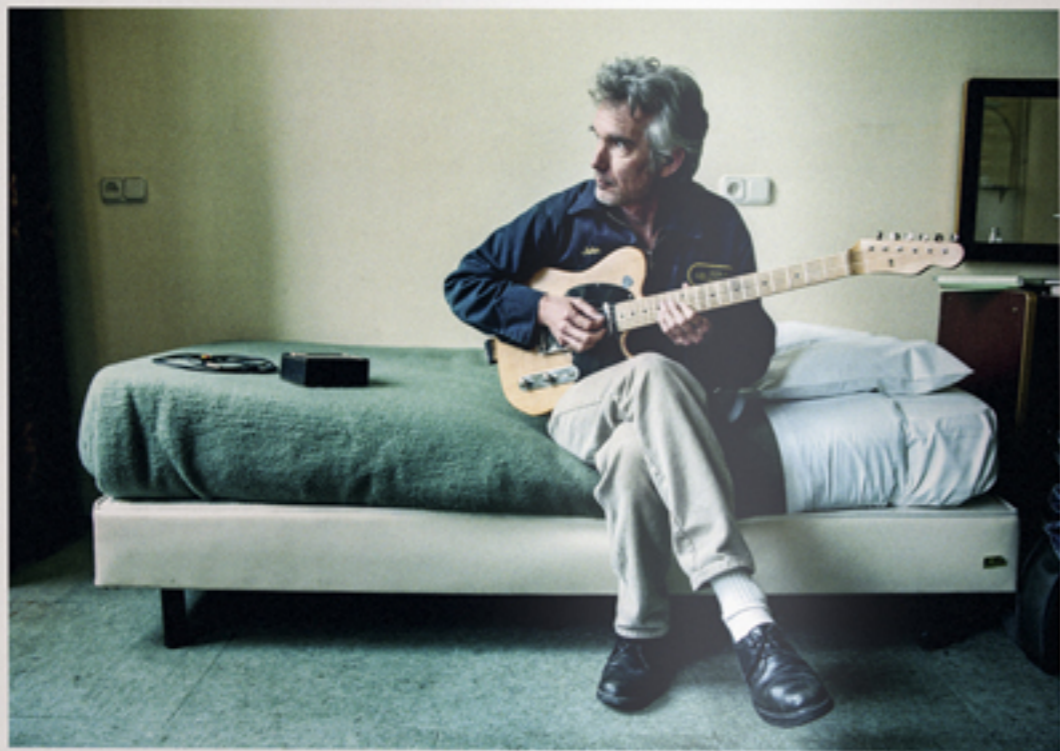


The Rolling Stones  
De Kuip, Rotterdam 1995









Johnny Dowd  
Amsterdam 1998



Lionel Hampton  
North Sea Jazz Festival, The Hague 1994





Dave Wyndorf, *Monster Magnet*  
Amsterdam 1995

**As a rule,** on press days a photographer is given 10 or 15 minutes with the artist in question. The door opens and you find yourself one-on-one with your subject (or perhaps with minders or assistants also present), at which point you issue requests and instructions that are – again as a rule! – politely acceded to. Very occasionally, however, an artist will have made plans of their own, and a memorable example was Dave Wyndorf, lead singer and guitarist with American rock band *Monster Magnet*, who had prepared two saucers with sulfur on top to set on fire.

Insofar as is possible when setting fire to things indoors, we thought we were being cautious, opening the windows for circulation and working to get the shots and extinguish the fires as quickly as we could. But we forgot to cover the smoke detectors, and before we could finish the fire alarms went off throughout the building, disabling elevators, causing a clerk to rush up to investigate, and no doubt frightening our fellow guests.

I remember returning home feeling satisfied with the memorable image we had achieved, but also not a little ashamed that we'd caused alarm and inconvenience in doing so.