

The new era of OOMPH!

Legendary Neue Deutsche Härte pioneers **OOMPH!** are back with their 14th studio album, ***Richter und Henker!*** (EN: Judge and Executioner). The band hit #1 on the Official German Album Charts with their previous album and Napalm Records debut, ***Ritual*** (2019). The highly successful band's biggest hit to date, their 2004 single "*Augen Auf!*", is a timeless classic, while countless massive international tours and festival appearances paved the band's way. The upcoming full-length, ***Richter und Henker!***, kicks off a new era as it marks the first album with a new lineup, as CR4P and FLUX are joined by new vocalist DER SCHULZ. The new album is set to be released on September 8, 2023 and was once again produced and recorded by the band themselves.

Richter und Henker! clearly proves that **OOMPH!** are back stronger than before with their new line up, charging straight forward! Album opener "*Wem Die Stunde Schlägt*" (en: For Whom The Bell Tolls) makes an immediate statement, propelled by a hefty dose of industrial metal. Title track "*Richter und Henker!*" captivates the listener with a mixture of hooky guitars and chanting vocals, while criticizing ignorant social movements. New wave influences are present on heavy and groovy anti-war anthem "*Nur Ein Mensch*" (en: Only A Human) - a future hit and strong sign against warmongering and empty slogans that force hatred and war. On "*Wut*" (Anger), **OOMPH!** is supported by none other than genre idol Joachim Witt.

Since their formation in 1989, **OOMPH!** has emerged as a highly influential band that has even inspired later Neue Deutsche Härte giants such as Rammstein. With ***Richter und Henker!***, the Neue Deutsche Härte masters prove that they remain a leading force in the scene, even after their first line-up change in more than 30 years of existence.