



Hello. Hank Shizzoe is back. With his fourth album. It has the same name as he does: **«Hank Shizzoe»**. Why? Because it's a solo album. Literally. All Hank, solo. But not just him with a folk guitar and a good mood. No, no. With all kinds of toys and, mostly, lots of guitars. Red ones, black ones, white ones and even wooden ones. So, it's not another House album. But you can still dance to a lot of these songs.



**«Hank Shizzoe»** offers 14 songs. 13 of them were written specially by Thomas Erb. He did the producing again, too. If you can call that «producing». Anyway, along with all those Erb tunes there's the fantastic «Do Not Forsake Me». That's the beautiful song from the film «High Noon», written by Dimitri Tiomkin and Ned Washington.



**The album** spans Folkblues to Rockpop. The songs tell stories about bad smelling stockbrokers, lost cowboys, third class ghosts, US presidents, uptight rappers and Hanks in love. And we meet Sally again in a sequel to «Joe Went To The Water» («Walk», 1996). She moved away from the swamps. She's doing OK again.



The album **«Hank Shizzoe»** is homemade. With all the advantages that go along with it. Like the excellent catering, for example. And the lounge was presentable, too. After «Plenty Of Time» (1998) there were about two possibilities: either another band album, recorded in nice, big houses; or something really small, private. Bought a microphone here, installed eight recording heads there. Small amplifiers, big sounds. And lots of room for the vocals.

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