## SHIROKKO – a boat without sails

Since 1970 we have sailed the wide oceans of music with our boat which we named after the Italian *scirocco* (=south wind).

We were swept along by a lot of waves, some of them we simply left out. When the winds were faintly blowing, we used our own curiosity as a stimulation. Many customers shared our passion and accompanied us on our search for exciting sounds.

Over the past years, our journey became more and more exhausting. Containerships of trading giants obstructed our way, we were surrounded by pirates and ultimately we were threatened by a submarine called Internet.

We had a lot of rowing to do in recent years – now we ran out of resources. We strike the sails, wave the white flag and disembark. We bid farewell to our remaining passengers and thank them for their long lasting loyality.

A final request: the decision to close the store was inevitable but not easy. Therefore we ask you to spare us of pitiful comments. Simply, bear us in remembrance, please.

Gerhard & Silvia Rühl in the name of the SHIROKKO-Team