

Draft 2 – Soundwaved City

Status: open, needs improvement

Symbolism

A soundwave (taken from one of our percussioin pieces) “disturbs” the city of Munich (part of the skyline seen here in outline). At the same time, the city is part of the sound wave or even is being formed by it!



We really like this concept. It extrapolates the meaning of the band’s name into an image, showing the city of Munich (in outline) disturbed by a soundwave.

We would like to find a way to improve on this idea, making the soundwave smoother (the draft is an enlarged pixel graphic which makes it so choppy). The logo is also simply too spread out. It may look great on T-shirts, but when smaller it is indiscernible.

Draft 1 – Dynamic R

Status: retired

Symbolism

Dynamic R: The dynamic R abstractly represents a drummer in profile with the left leg outstretched, the left arm curved around with the hand on the waist and the right arm or stick diagonally in the air. (The head is drawn in just to make this easier to see.)

M: The M forms part of the cylindrical body of a surdo (a drum we use).



Decision

We initially really liked the dynamic R. We could not, however, improve on this idea or incorporate the M into the logo in a way that worked really well.

We also decided that using **MR** as a logo obscured the meaning and amusing impact of *Münchner Ruhestörung* (Munich Disturbance of the Peace).

The dynamic R also started to remind us of super hero emblems, so we abandoned this idea.

Legacy Logo

Status: to be replaced

Below the group name is a star and a pandiero (tamborine-like instrument) balanced on the finger of a hand.

Symbolism

Star: Back in the 1980's when the group was founded, this star represented the political engagement of the band in Germany. The band is still politically active, but the star no longer has this association.

Pandiero: We do not use this instrument anymore in the band, so we do not want to use it in our logo.

Special Feature

What really worked well with this logo was how each component could be disassembled and worn separately on T-shirts. This was a brilliant idea: Band members wore the symbol of their choice (band name, star or hand with pandiero) and when the band came together, so did the logo. Cool!

Why we want to replace this logo

This has been our logo for about 30 years. Since that time, the band members have changed and we have decided this logo does not represent the group anymore.

