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Long Tall Ernie & The Shakers as a group was born in 1972, as a joke of the group THE MOANS, lateron MOAN, inwich members were like Herman Brood, keyboard-player Jaap Dekker and the Cuby & The Blizzards bass-player and Music Maker Chief-Editor Jaap van Eijk. At the performances 'MOAN' did play progressive popmusic, after the the break, they came back in a different outfit as rockers and performed a set of rock 'n roll covers as Long Tall Ernie & The Shakers. Singer Arnie Treffers also is active in the group Arnhem at that time.

In 1973 manager Rein Muntinga is coming, also active in The Spijkerkwartet and business is going on to be serious. Moan is dead and The Shakers are launched in a publicity campaign, as rough rockers with rock 'n roll act. There were rumours about agressive and criminal bandmembers, fighting with recordmanagers and a rough act on stage did complete the job. The Shakers did score their first hits at the rock & roll revival with singles as Big Fat Mama, Get yourself together and Allright. TV acts and concerts in Germany did come up then.

Jan 'Jumping Johnny' Rietman and Henk 'The Knife' Bruysten did leave the group, lateron followed by Alfons 'Muscles' Haket and Alan 'Tenderfoot' MacFarlane. Rietman is going to play with Unit Gloria and is solo as The Killer. Treffers makes the Arnie solo Album. Henk Bruysten is the founder of Hank The Knife & The Jets (with Duane Eddy sound) and does have great hits as f.i. Guitar King and Stan The Gunman. The New Shakers around 'Long Tall' Arnie Treffers after some changements, are Tony Britnell (saxofonist of Shakin' Stevens & The Sunsets), Karl Busköhl (guitar), Ruud van Buuren (bass) (ex-Livin' Blues) and Jan Pijnenburg (drums)

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(ex-Lucifer and Sweet d'Buster).

Treffers sings on the album Rhythm And Booze van G.T. Walls, synonymous of Telegraaf sports-reporter Gert-Rein van der Waal. Hank the Knife is recording Silverstone after the break of The Jets. The Shakers did have their greatest hits with medley's of old rock & roll successes, Do You Remember (producer Jaap Eggermont) and Golden Years Of Rock & Roll.

Together with Tony Britnell, Arnie Treffers composed hits like Shirley (It's Me, 1977), Snoopy (It's All In The Bible, 1979), Albert West (Girls & Cadillacs, 1980) and Sugar & the Lollipops (I Can Dance en Dancing Dymamo uit 1981). I Can Dance even becomes nr.1 in the Danish charts. The Rock 'n Roll acts are gone in 1979. The concept-album Meet The Monsters, about monsters on the wide screen, could not save the group anymore. Hank The Knife is coming back with Hank The Knife & The Crazy Cats, a year later there's still one more hit to go. Guitarist Jos Jaspers and drummer Eugene Arts are going on with Turbo.

In the 80's Treffers did make the solo-album Sniper In The Crowd synonymous as Schultz. To get rid of the Dutch contract with The Shakers uses the groupname 'The Block' in releasing a single for the German market. In 1982 The Shakers did split-up. The ex-Shakers, which will become famous are Rietman, as bandleader, piano-player of the Los/Vast orchestra and TV host of the same called NCRV t.v.-program, Karl Bushkohl as Carl Carlton & The Songdogs, and Hank The Knife & The Jets.

In 1983 Arnie moved to Denmark and also got married. On August 25 in 1995 Arnie Treffers died at home of his brother Ebe in Groningen, suffering of cancer. Arnie Treffers did reach the age of 48 years old. A great lost for all of us! ---long-tall-ernie.nl

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