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Michael Schenker's illustrious career as one of metal's most influential guitarists has placed him in various musical factions for 40 years.

As a German teenager in the early '70s, he joined his brother and fellow guitarist Rudolf Schenker in recording two Scorpions albums (see if you can recognize them in this 1972 video clip of "I'm Going Mad").

But something was missing. Michael felt the need to branch out, and he eventually created the Michael Schenker Group. MSG has undergone various transformations over the years, even becoming the McAuley Schenker Group when singer Robin McAuley came on board for the 1987 album Perfect Timing.

Schenker, however, has always been MSG's constant. He also took part in the 1991 supergroup Contraband (video and interview clips here). Contraband only released one album and included singer Richard Black of Shark Island, guitarist Tracii Guns of L.A. Guns, Share Pedersen of Vixen on bass and Ratt drummer Bobby Blotzer.

Schenker released In The Midst of Beauty in 2008 and an all-acoustic album, Gypsy Lady, last year under the MSG moniker Schenker

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