

Raffaele Casarano

(alto and soprano sax, effects)

Saxophonist, artistic director and creator of one of the most important national jazz festivals - Locomotive in Salento - Raffaele Casarano is considered among the most talented and well-known performers of the Italian New Jazz Generation, flagship of the creative Tük Music directed by Paolo Fresu.

Among his collaborations, besides the one already mentioned with Paolo Fresu, we find: Buena Vista Social Club, Javier Girotto, Lincoln Goines, Mark Soskin, Gianluca Petrella, Ensemble Notte Della Taranta, Negramaro, Moni Ovadia, Marian Serban, Après La Classe, Donpasta, Eugenio Finardi, Paola Turci, Manu Katché, Erik Honoré and many others.

He has played in clubs and festivals throughout much of the world. His experience is a tribute to music without borders and labels, mixing different musical languages with taste and elegance, in perfect balance between the tradition of jazz and the contaminations of rock and electronics. All this with solid and strong roots of Salento, a land that is always present and "cultivated", so as to make it "grow to the maximum from the artistic point of view".

He plays and recorded with: Buena Vista Social Club, Sting, Paolo Fresu, Noa, Giuliano Sangiorgi, Fiorella Mannoia, Neri Marcoré, Paola Turci, Gaetano Curreri, Philip Catherine, Fiorello, Manu Katché, Richard Bona, Javier Girotto, Flavio Boltro, Eugenio Finardi, Ada Montellanico, Noemi, Andrea Braido, Giovanni Imparato, Benjamin Henocq, Nguyen Le, Stefania Rocca, Daniele Di Bonaventura, Yuri Goulbev, Tino Tracanna, Maurizio Giammarco, Roberto Ottaviano, Fabrizio Bosso, Lorenzo Tucci, Attilio Zanchi, Joe Barbieri, Petra Magoni, Ferruccio Spinetti, Carlo Actis Dato, Eddy Palermo, Meridiana multi_jazz orchestra, Lincoln Goines, Mark Soskin, JSOrchestra di Paolo Lepore, Andrea Pozza, Roberto Cipelli, Peppe Servillo, Patrizia Conte, Ensemble Notte Della Taranta, Gilles Peterson, Franco Califano, Omar Pedrini, Negramaro, Gino Paoli, Renato Zero, Roy Paci, Mario Rosini, Moni Ovadia, Sud Sound System, Oliver Mtukudzi, Riccardo Pittau, Opa Cupa, Manigold, Marian Serban, Dudu Manhenga, Paolino Dalla Porta, Mascarimirì, Gian Maria Testa, Bebo Ferra, Stefano Bagnoli, Alessio Bertalot, Armando Bruno, Don Pasta, Luca Bianchini, Carlantonio Cavazzocca, Mozzanti, Livio Romano, Ippolito Chiarello, Marco Baliani, Aldo Nove, Catena Fiorello, and many other.

Selected festival, theater and jazz club

Montreaux Jazz Festival, Brussels Jazz Marathon, Arena di Verona, Vilafranca jazz Festival, Seoul Festival, Olympia theatre (Paris), La Notte Della Taranta (Melpignano), Umbria Jazz, Umbria Jazz winter, Biennale di Venezia, Trento Film festival, Bollate Jazz, Tournai Jazz Festival, Unicef day Roma, Valsugana Jazz (Trento), Blue Note jazz club (Milano), Bari in Jazz, Festival Jazz La Spezia (40° anniversario), S. Arcangelo in Jazz (Rimini), Bergamo Jazz Festival, Opys jazz club (Budapest), Casa del Jazz, Young Jazz Festival (Foligno), Time in Jazz (Berchidda), Time in Sassari, Cantina Bentivoglio jazz club (Bologna) Auditorium Parco Della Musica (Roma), Non Sole Jazz (Cles), Villa Pamphilj (Roma), Ajaccio Jazz Festival.

Some international tour: Belgium, Kosovo, Zimbabwe, Mozambico, France, London, Spain, Swiss, Norway.

Selected discography: 2002: Manigold - Tracce di sud (FinisTerre Record) 2003: Free-core (11-8 Record) 2005: Zina (11-8 Record) 2005: Raffaele Casarano & Locomotive feat. Paolo Fresu with Orchestra Del Conservatorio T.Schipa – Legend - (Dodicilune Records) 2006: Ettore Carucci quartet - The Quiet Release - (Naturalnote) 2007: Marco Bardoscia quartet feat. Gianluca Petrella "Opening" July-August 2007 2007: Dario Muci "Mandatari" (Anima Mundi) 2007: Andrea BRAIDO - "Braidus in Funk" (RAI TRADE / Video Radio) 2007: Alberto Parmegiani Quintetto (C. Filippini, D. Congedo, G. Partipilo, M. Bardoscia, A.Parmegiani, R.Casarano) 2009: Raffaele Casarano & Locomotive - Replay- with P. Fresu (Emarcy-Universal) 2009: Fabrizio Savino feat. Raffaele Casarano e Luca Aquino (Alfa Music) 2010: Raffaele Casarano "ARGENTO" (TukMusic-EMI) 2010: "Strike" Aquino-Casarano, September 2011 2011: "The Dreamer" Marco Bardoscia – (My favorite records – EMI) 2011:"50! FRESU" compilation (Repubblica) 2012:'From the hell' PUGLIA JAZZ FACTORY (Parco Della Musica Rec) 2013: Raffaele Casarano & Locomotive feat. Giuliano Sangiorgi – Noé (Tuk Music) 2015: PinkFloyd Tribute, CSB group (in uscita). 2015: Raffaele Casarano 'MEDINA' w Orchestra Sinfonica 'T. Schipa' featuring Erik Honoré. 2016: African Way – Puglia Jazz Factory (Parco Della Musica rec) 2016: Paolo Fresu 'Around Tuk' (Repubblica, L'Espresso) 2016: 'The great Jazz Gig in the sky' (Puglia Sounds 2016) 2018: in uscita nuovo disco di RAFFAELE CASARANO con MANU KATCHE', LARS DANIELSSON, ERIC LEGNINI (Tuk Music 2018); 2018: "D' Amour" nuovo disco in duo con Mirko Signorile (Parco Della Musica Record).

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