

## **Raffaele Casarano** (alto and sopr. Sax, electronics effects)

Born the 7th May 1981, Raffaele Casarano started to study saxophone at the age of seven. With a deep passion for music, especially for jazz, he studied with Fabio Sammarco, teacher in “N. Piccinni” Conservatory of Bari. He graduated in saxophone in July 2004 with excellent votes (at the Conservatory of Lecce) and then he started to study jazz with Roberto Ottaviano. After he attend master class with Dave Liebman, Emiliano Rodriguez, Maurizio Giammarco.

**He has recorded** and teamed up with Paolo Fresu, Manu Katché, Buena Vista Social Club, Philip Catherine, Erik Honoré, Nguyen Le, Giuliano Sangiorgi, Fiorella Mannoia, Noemi, Javier Girotto, Massimo Manzi, Andrea Braido, Giovanni imparato, Benjamin Henocq, Daniele Di Bonaventura, Mimi Verderame, 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, Andrea Pozza, Roberto Cipelli, Gianluca Petrella, Patrizia Conte, Ensemble Notte Della Taranta, 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, Vertere String 4tet, Marian Serban, Après La Classe, Bachire Gareche, Dudu Manhenga, Paolino Dalla Porta, Mascarimiri, Gian Maria Testa, Bebo Ferra, Stefano Bagnoli, Alessio Bertallot, Armando Bruno (attore), Don Pasta (attore) Carlo Nannicola (regista), Carlantonio Cavazzocca Mozzanti (regista), Livio Romano (scrittore), Ippolito Chiarello (attore), Marco Baliani (attore) and many others.

**Other noteworthy collaborations** are with Armando Bruno (actor), Marco Baliani (actor) Don Pasta (actor-writer) Carlo Nannicola (film director), DILO’ (artist), Carlantonio Cavazzocca Mozzanti (film director), Livio Romano (writer), Ippolito Chiarello (actor). In September 2004 he founded the Locomotive project which saw him perform in many Italian clubs and in particular at the Sounds Jazz Club in Bruxelles in January 2005.

**Some of the Festivals and clubs he took part in:** Jazz in Seoul, Paris Jazz Festival, Brussels Jazz Marathon, Madrid Jazz Festival, La Notte Della Taranta Festival, Jazz e Arte Festival (BN), Valsugana Jazz (Trento), Paesaggi Sonori Fest (RN), Brianza Open Jazz (MI), Bari in Jazz, Catania Fest, Festival Jazz La Spezia (40° anniversario), S. Arcangelo in Jazz (RN), Ocktober Jazz (BN), Bergamo Jazz Festival, Young Jazz Festival (Foligno), Time in Jazz (OT), Time in Sassari, Blue Note (Milano), Hifa international Festival (Africa-Harare), Auditorium Parco Della Musica (Roma), Casa Del Jazz (Roma), Correggio Jazz 2012, Cantina Bentivoglio, Ueffilo Jazz Club, Non Sole Jazz (Cles), Bari in Jazz, Villa Pamphilj (Roma), Sunset&Sunside (Paris), Jazz re: Found (Vercelli), tour 50! di Paolo Fresu, Invasioni 2011 (Cosenza), Ambassade d’ Italie en France (Paris), La semaine de l’ Italie (Paris 2012), Festival D’ète 2012 (Toulouse), Ajaccio Jazz, Vilafranca festival, Toulouse jazz 2016 and many others.

Umbria Jazz summer & winter 2016.

**Radio and TV programs:** RSI, Radio Rai 1, Radio Rai 2, Radio Rai 3, “Il Caffè” Rai International, Caterpillar, Metrò, “Raitunes”con Alessio Bertallot, Piazza Verdi; Radio Popolare “Jalla Jalla”(Milano); Telenorba; Rai Uno, and other.

Radio live concert “Paolo Fresu 5tet avec la participation de Raffaele Casarano” on the French National radio channel Fip.

**April 2010:** he is the sax player in the sound track, composed by Giuliano Sangiorgi for actor Claudio Santamaria’s “Koltès” show tour around Italy.



**Awards and Books:** Zinzulusa Silver Award (Castro Marina-LE) 2006 Honour conferred by the City of Sogliano Cavour for the Locomotive Jazz Festival Direction in 2006 Honour to 'Legend' album conferred by film director Pupi Avati in 2006 "Che cà canta" Award conferred for the project and contamination (Tuglie -LE- 2009)

"Il ritmo nel Tacco": Salento music world recounted by its protagonists Sud Sound System, Apres La Classe, Cesare Dell' Anna, Raffaele Casarano. Preface by Caparezza.

Raffaele Casarano is art director and creator of Locomotive Jazz Festival:  
[www.locomotivejazzfestival.it](http://www.locomotivejazzfestival.it)

### **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 - (Dodocilune Records)

2006: Ettore Carucci quartet - The Quiet Release - (Naturalnote)

2007: Marco Bardoscia quartet feat. Gianluca Petrella "Opening"

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

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: 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).

**Collaborations:** 2002: Yari Carrisi - Eye sea u (Primato record) 2003: NEGRAMARO - in "Gomma piuma" (Sugar) 2004: Compilation S. Arcangelo Dei Teatri "Scatolophon" 2005: V.De Lorenzi - Nuove ronde (gas-tone record) 2006: 2005: V.De Lorenzi - Nuove ronde (gas-tone record) 2007: My Miles 11/8 records 2007: Ninfa Giannuzzi "Tis Klèi" (Anima Mundi) 2008: Apres La Classe: "Gli Angeli" e "Simu li Pacci" 2008: Alessandro Napolitano project / w M. Soskin 2008: Francesco Del Prete "Corpi d'Arco" (Italymusic) 2009: Luca Aquino –Lunaria- (Emarcy-Universal) 2010: Apres La Classe "Mammalitaliani" (Universal) 2010: Qui salento "Complilescion" guest of Menamenamò 2010: Afro Mediterranean Orchestra "serial thriller"(CNI) 2010: Puglia Sounds compilation - "Argento" (da Argento – Tuk Music – EMI) 2010: "Jazz Al Dente" (Bonsai Music – France) 2011: "Argento" soundtrack for the docu-film "Cantine due Palme" 2011: Salvatore Avantaggiato "lightness of touch" (Corrado Productions) 2011: ospite nel nuovo disco dei Sud Sound System (Universal - in uscita 2012) 2012: Alex Ricci 'Gonna Rossa' (Auand rec) 2013: ospite nel disco di Elisabetta Guido (Dodocilune record) 2013: Ospite nel disco di Alessandro Napolitano 'Conversation with my friends' (Soundiva) 2014: Departure Ave feat. Raffaele Casarano in 'Miles D.' (Bomba Dischi) 2015: STAR HIP TROOPERS (Parco Della Musica Rec – Roma) 2015.

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