

Collettivo Mazzulata - Biography

As contemporary troubadours they undoubtedly succeed in lightening up the fire with their musical celebration. -- Folkroddels.be (Belgium's most visited folkwebsite)

Collettivo Mazzulata members are based in Varese, they deliver Italian folk songs belonging to Italy's collective memory since generations.

The band tailored these melodies into hot Zydeco, Country, Blues, Jazz, Latin and Hip Hop arrangements. The result named Ratafolk reflects the band's endeavor to create a new fresh music reality. They uplift their audiences with an amazing, energetic combination of ancient and modern styles. The Italian roots are always present, but you can also expect smashing guitars, funky sax parts, rapping vocals along with folky accordions and a groovy rhythm section.

Founder of the band is Gio Rossi, established musician in the Jazz/Blues scene, who decided it was time to go back to his roots and to create his own band. During his career he worked with Joey de Francesco (Hammond Organ virtuoso) and Larry Taylor (bass line supplier for Canned Heat) amongst many others.

Collettivo Mazzulata emerged quickly on Italy's music scene horizon.

Next step was the recording of the first CD "**Ratafolk 2007**" in the summer of 2007 in Biella/Italy.

Collettivo Mazzulata performed in Castagnole/Piemonte at the Jazz seminar/workshop "We Love Jazz" held by world class players like Jimmy Cobb. The band was selected for the Fiesta Europa stage at one of Germany's largest Open Air Festival "Das Fest". Further highlight was the invitation to Zagreb's Open Air Festival "**Park in Zagreb**" in Croatia. They also played at the **Interceltic Busto Folk Festival** sharing the bill with world music top act Dervish.

In October 2009 they released their first live DVD "The Age of Ratafolk" recorded at Teatro Nuovo Varese.

Collettivo Mazzulata's second CD will be released in February 2010.

About Gio Rossi

His recorded work has won him many fans in the U.S. as well. Gio is a brilliant all round musician. -- Tad Robinson (Two time WC Handy award nominee)

Web resources for additional information

- <http://www.collettivomazzulata.com/>
- <http://www.myspace.com/ratafolk>
- <http://www.myspace.com/collettivomazzulata>
- <http://www.youtube.com/user/collettivomazzulata>
- <http://ratafolk.blogspot.com/>

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