

# OMAGGIO A PIAZZOLLA

## NOVAFONIC QUARTET

**Fabio Furia**, *bandoneon*

**Gianmaria Melis**, *violin*

**Marco Schirru**, *piano*

**Giovanni Chiaramonte**, *double bass*



"Omaggio a Piazzolla" celebrates the great Argentine bandoneonist and composer Astor Piazzolla for the hundredth anniversary of his birth.

A show dedicated to the sounds of the Tango Nuevo, on the border between fusion and contamination, tradition and innovation, in which the poetic force of music blends with the talent and virtuosity of the artists.

Jazz harmonies and the most refined compositional techniques blend with the fascinating Argentine popular music, giving life to a perfect combination of past, present and future. An artistic experience in which the tango reaches its maximum evolution, transformed and revolutionized.

The passionate themes and the overwhelming rhythms of the most famous masterpieces of the Argentine master are re-proposed and interpreted with the deep melodic sensitivity and the executive ability of the Novafonic Quartet, an all-Italian formation composed of four champions of the international music scene: Fabio Furia, bandoneon; Gianmaria Melis, violin; Marco Schirru, piano and Giovanni Chiaramonte, double bass.

A repertoire of great emotional impact that will lead the public on a fascinating and engaging musical itinerary, a tribute to the genius who revolutionized Tango and redesigned its contours indelibly tracing its path of success.

On the program: Adios nonino, La milonga del Ángel, La muerte del Ángel, Tristezas de un doble A, Lo que vendrà to name a few.

# FABIO FURIA

Fabio Furia, a world-class concert performer, composer and arranger, is considered to be one of the most important bandoneonists in Europe.

Thanks to his intense concert activity, he performed in the most important concert halls the world over, including Parco della Musica di Roma, Dvorak Hall of Rudolfinum in Prague, Tonhalle in Zurich, Auditorium Giovanni Arvedi di Cremona, Bozar Theatre in Brussels, Cagliari's Opera House, the Onassis Cultural Center in Athens, and the Großer Saal in Klagenfurt.

Highly regarded internationally, his talent is known to many Italian and foreign music festivals and institutions, including, Accademia di Santa Cecilia, Lubjana Festival, Stadivari Festival Cremona, I concerti del Quirinale (Rome), Emilia Romagna Festival, "Maggio dei Monumenti" Festival (Naples), "Settimane musicali bresciane", "Gubbio Summer Festival".

He collaborated with prestigious musicians and ensembles, such as: Antony Pay, Michel Michalakakos, Franco Maggio Ormezowski, Anne Gastinel, Stefano Pagliani, Jean Ferrandis, Roberto Cappello, Solisti della Scala, Turner String Quartett, Kodály String Quartett, Budapest String Orchestra, Daniel Binelli, Anna Tifu, Juan Josè Mosalini, Hiba al Kawas, Salzburg Chamber Soloists, the Kiev Symphony Orchestra, the Baden Baden Symphony Orchestra, Kso Kärtner Sinfonieorchester, the Archimede Quartet, the Wanderer Trio.

He performed as a soloist in Italy, Canada, Mexico, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, France, Swiss Slovenia, Macedonia, Lithuania, Austria, Spain, Japan, Korea, Greece, Lebanon, and the United States.



He is just back from a tour in China with the Italian Orchestra "I Musici" in which he performed at the Shanghai MISA Festival 2023.

Also in 2023, he conducted and performed, as a soloist, in a series of concerts in Sardinia with the Anton Stadler Orchestra and the Typical Tango Orchestra of the Cagliari Conservatory of Music.

He is founder and member of the Novafonic Quartet with which he carries out an important concert activity in prestigious halls and institutions, some concerts have been recorded and broadcast for "I concerti del mattino" of Rai Radio3 and for the channel Rai5.

He started studying piano and classical accordion at the age of 7, first as self-taught and then under the guidance of teacher Eliana Zajec in Trieste. However, he owes a large part of his musical formation to Prof. Corrado Rojac, who for some years in adolescence, gives him instrumental lessons, harmony and counterpoint.

Subsequently, at the age of 16, he studied clarinet at the Conservatory of Cagliari. He then graduated with honours in only four years under the guidance of Maestro Roberto Gander.

He studied further with some of the best clarinetists in the world, including Antony Pay, Alessandro Carbonare, and Wenzel Fuchs.

In parallel with the clarinet's concert career, he undertook the study bandoneon then he decided to study with the best bandoneon teachers as Juan José Mosalini and graduating brilliantly at the Conservatory of Paris Gennevilliers, under the guidance of Juanjo Mosalini.

He is founder and artistic director of two Cultural Associations, "Anton Stadler" and is also the creator of important music seasons such as the "International Chamber Music Festival", established in 1998, "ARTango & Jazz Festival", the "Bandoneon International Masterclass", event able to attract young musicians from all over the world.

He founded the Italian Bandoneon Academy with which he organizes masterclasses and concerts with the most important soloists in the world.

Since 2014, until 2018 he taught Bandoneon at the conservatory "P. Da Palestrina" of Cagliari, first bandoneon course in Italy. Thanks to this experience, in June 2018, the university ministry has approved the three-year degree course in Bandoneon which has now become a point of reference for the teaching of the bandoneon, attracting some of the most talented young bandoneonists from all over the world.

He collaborates with the Bandoneon class of Prof. Yvonne Hahn of the Conservatory of Avignon and with CODARTS University in Rotterdam, with whom he has activated a didactic project that has alternate offices in the three conservatories of Cagliari, Avignon and Rotterdam.

His discography includes "ContraMilonga" (2010), "Fabio Furia in concert" (KNS Classical – 2013), Novafonic Quartet (KNS Classical – 2015). The new CD entitled "A Los Maestros" with guitarist Alessandro Deiana for the Da Vinci Publishing label was released in 2021.

He plays a bandoneon 142 from the German factory **Alfred Arnold Bandonion and Concertinafabrik Klingenthal**, of which he is a collaborator and endorser. He also owns and plays two beautiful historical bandoneon Alfred Arnold "complete nacarado" of 1937 and a "Negro Liso" of 1938 they are of the very few exemplary preserved in perfect condition and totally original.

# GIANMARIA MELIS

Principal Concertmaster of the Teatro Lirico Foundation in Cagliari since 2009, Gianmaria began studying the violin under the guidance of Paolo Marascia, then continued with George Mönche, Igor Volochine, Felice Cusano and Sergey Krylov.

At the age of seventeen he won second prize at the national Mario Benvenuti violin competition, the City of Vittorio Veneto Prize, and the following year he was awarded full marks for his violin diploma at the Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina conservatoire of Cagliari.

He perfected his studies in masterclasses with Nicolas Chumachenko and Thomas Brandis, and trained in orchestral courses with the Italian Youth Orchestra, as lead violinist for two years. At the same time, he studied quartet and chamber music with Piero Farulli.

He won three international orchestral competitions, at the Arturo Toscanini of Parma, Teatro Lirico of Cagliari and Haydn of Bolzano and Trento Foundations.

He performed with various orchestras: Sinfonica Nazionale of the RAI of Turin, Pomeriggi Musicali of Milan, Filarmonica Toscanini of Parma, Teatro Carlo Felice of Genoa (lead violin of the seconds, assistant leader), Galilei of Florence (Concertmaster for the conducting courses of Carlo Maria Giulini), Sinfonica Haydn of Bolzano and Trento, Sicilian Symphonic Orchestra (lead violin of the seconds).



Over the years he has been invited as guest Concertmaster by orchestras such as: Orchestra of the Teatro Maggio Musicale Fiorentino, Orchestra of the Teatro Petruzzelli of Bari, Orchestra Filarmonica Arturo Toscanini, Orchestra of the Teatro Verdi of Salerno.

He performed under the baton of world class conductors, including: Carlo Maria Giulini, Yuri Ahronovich, Lorin Maazel, Frans Brüggen, Donato Renzetti, Gianluigi Gelmetti, Ton Koopman, Trevor Pinnock, Christopher Hogwood, Daniele Gatti, Maurizio Benini, Marko Letonya.

In the chamber music field he has collaborated with prestigious musicians including: Sergej Krylov, Hans-Jörg Schellenberger, Pierre Goy, Eric Sielberger, Giuseppe Gullotta.

Since 2014 Gianmaria has been violinist of the Novafonic Quartet, a formation of soloists and principal parts of leading orchestras, performing a contemporary repertoire of Piazzollian inspiration and jazz.

He regularly holds Masterclasses for advanced instrumentalists. During his career, Gianmaria has performed in France, Germany Switzerland, Spain, England, Romania, Holland, Austria, United States.

He recently made his début as a soloist at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York, playing Beethoven's triple concerto.

He has recorded for the KNS Classical record company, with the Novafonic Quartet and in duo with the pianist Giuseppe Gullotta.

He plays a copy Guarneri "Le Duc" violin made by Philippe Girardin in 2019.

# MARCO SCHIRRU

Born in 1994, Marco Schirru graduated in Pianoforte with top marks, cum laude and special mention at the Conservatorio 'G.P. da Palestrina' in Cagliari under the guidance of Prof. Aurora Cogliandro. At the same institution he obtained the 2nd Level Academic Diploma in Pianoforte with a mark of 110/110 with honours and special mention.

He subsequently specialised with Pietro De Maria at the Fiesole School of Music and Enrico Pace at the Pinerolo Academy.

He took part in Masterclasses held by Professors J.M.Luisada, J.Rouvier, U.Weyand, D.Merlet, L.Zilberstein, G.Andaloro, G.Tacchino, P.Camicia, B.Canino, R.Castro.

He successfully completed the two-year course for master collaborators at the Accademia del Teatro alla Scala. As soloist and chamber musician, he performed in some of the most prestigious Italian theatres (Teatro la Fenice in Venice, Teatro Carlo Felice in Genoa, Teatro Lirico in Cagliari, Teatro Massimo "Bellini" in Catania, Teatro alla Scala in Milan) and for important festivals in Italy and abroad.

He is the winner of numerous national and international competitions



The concerts of the Novafonic Quartet, a formation of which he has been a member for several years, have been broadcast by Rai5 and RaiRadioTre.

He collaborated with renowned artists such as Anna Tifu, Fabio Furia, Barbara Frittoli, Ernesto Palacio, Ottavio Dantone and Sesto Quatrini.



# GIOVANNI CHIARAMONTE

He studied double bass at the "N. Paganini" in Genoa under the guidance of the masters E. Zoccoli, A. Lumachi and then of the maestro F. Pianigiani.

He achieves eligibility at the Mediterranean Youth Orchestra, the Italian Youth Orchestra and finally at the Academy of the Teatro alla Scala, where he decides to perfect his studies.

During his career he has collaborated as first double bass with: Orchestra of the Teatro La Fenice in Venice, Teatro Carlo Felice in Genoa, Orchestra of the Municipal Theater of Bologna, Orchestra of the Teatro Lirico of Cagliari, Orquestre Philharmonique de Monte Carlo, Orchestra Arturo Toscanini, Afternoons Musical Orchestra, Sanremo Symphony Orchestra.

He worked as a double bass in a row with the Filarmonica della Scala, Filarmonica Arturo Toscanini, Teatro Regio in Turin and since 2004, he has collaborated with the Italian Swiss Orchestra.

With most of these he has participated in international tours in the United States, Japan, China, Russia and Europe, under the guidance of prestigious conductors.

In 2011 he participated in the 7th edition of the "Carlo Capriata Award" dedicated to the double bass and received the prize. Subsequently he was entrusted with the artistic direction.



He has consistently achieved suitability and recommendations as the first double bass and ranks in the most prestigious Italian opera houses and orchestras.

The most recent are eligibility for the first double bass competition at the Teatro Comunale in Bologna and for the first double bass selection at the Carlo Felice Theater in Genoa.

Parallel to his career in orchestra, he has carried out and continues an intense concert activity with chamber ensembles in Italy and abroad: Xenia Ensemble, Orchestra Bailam, Magnasco Quintet, Ensemble Hyperion, Ensemble ContraMilonga, as well as with the accordionist Richard Galliano on the occasion of the Summer Music Festival of Serravalle.

In recent years he has also had an intense concert activity with violinist Anna Tifu.

For the Festival Trame Sonore, he collaborated in a quintet with pianist Gloria Campaner.

Since 2014 he has been part of the Novafonic Quartet, a group that offers contemporary repertoire of Piazzolla and jazz inspiration.

A year later he began an intense activity with the violinist Anna Tifu with her "Anna Tifu Quartet".

He is Professor of Orchestra at the Teatro Lirico of Cagliari since 2007.

From September 2020 he has held the role of First Double Bass at the Teatro Carlo Felice in Genoa.

He plays an Anonymous Italian double bass from the late 1700s and a "Ruggero Paderni" from Brescia from 1845.

# TECH SHEET

## **INDOOR PERFORMANCE**

**(up to 250 seats)**

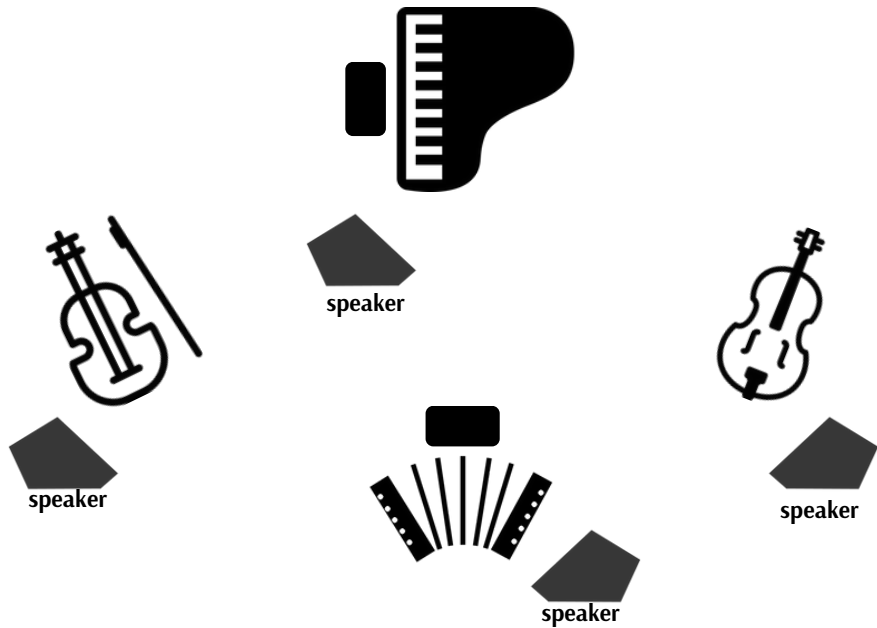
- Stage of 6x8 m
- Stage lighting suitable for reading
- Steinway & Sons or Fazioli piano, with 442 hz tuning (to be done before the musicians arrival and before the concert)
- Double bass, lutherie made, 4 strings, 105/107 string length
- 2 piano benches
- 3 folding music stands
- Dressing room close to the stage for musicians

# OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE

## Amplification for all instruments suitable to the place

- Stage of 6x8 m
- Stage lighting suitable for reading
- Sound: a high quality amplification system (Meyer, D&B, Nexò) is required, properly wired and operating upon the musicians arrival, with 4 monitor speakers (Meyer, D&B, Nexò) on separate lines.
- 2 mixers with integrated effects
- Microphones and stands:
  - 1.2 omnimics for the bandoneon (e.g. AKG 414) with dwarf stands
  2. piano
  3. double bass
  - 4.1 omnimic for the violin (e.g. AKG 414) with stand
- Steinway & Sons or Fazioli piano, with 442 hz tuning (to be done before the musicians arrival and before the concert)
- Double bass, lutherie made, 4 strings, 105/107 string length
- 2 piano benches
- 3 folding music stands
- Dressing room (or closed gazebo) close to the stage for musicians

# STAGE PLAN



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