

i Viaggiatori

When ARIA award winners Kavisha Mazzella and Irine Vela team up with Wollongong's own David De Santi and Mark Holder-Keeping from the legendary Zumpa band they become "I Viaggiatori" - The Voyagers.

I Viaggiatori play lively, old time Italian folk music from the 19th century and beyond. It's romantic, poignant, frenzied, sweet and earthy. It's a place where memory sits down with imagination to share a good coffee and a glass of grappa then have a good yarn.

It's also a place where accordions, clarinets, bouzoukis, mandolins and tambourines dance with sensual, earthy vocals.

Drawn from over 400 years of storytelling, these songs from Italy and Greece tell of harvests, war and revolution, factory protests, seductions, weddings, funerals and the brave act of migration. The rich melodies make your feet dance and heart sway with abandon.

i Viaggiatori would like to thank our friends, family and the people that passed on the traditions and songs.

The Musicians

Kavisha Mazzella Vocals, tambourine, Accordion, guitar

Irine Vela Bouzouki, mandolin, guitar tracks

Mark Holder-Keeping Bass clarinet, clarinet, saxophone, cajon

David De Santi Accordion

Background

Many millions of people from around the world have made the journey from foreign shores to call Australia home. Italians have been part of that voyage bringing with them their food, culture and of course music.

Australia has been heavily influenced by its many Italian immigrants and Australians of Italian descents. Italians are the third largest ethnic group in the country and Italian is the third most commonly spoken language. Since Italian immigration began in the 1850's, there have been many successful Italian-Australians in all areas of life.

They arrived most prominently in the decades immediately following the World



War II, and they and their children have had an impact on the cultural, social and economic life of Australia. Over 800,000 Australians identify themselves as having Italian ancestry.

This recording presents a collection of songs and tunes from the old country and newly composed ones inspired by the new life in Australia.

I Viaggiatori was formed by Kavisha Mazzella to perform a live Italian folk music score for a silent documentary film 'Dall' Italia All' Australia' for the 2006 National Folk Festival in Canberra.

Melbourne journalist and author Tony De Bolfo stumbled on Dall' Italia All' Australia's existence through his research for his book entitled In Search of Kings (Harper Collins Publisher).

Since that time the band has performed the music to the film at festivals and cinemas around Australia.

Suitcase Serenata

The band has recorded the music used for the film. The tracks are:

- 1 Angellare
- 2 Wedding Sheets
- 3 Reginella Campagnola
- 4 Mamma Mia Dammi Cento Lire
- 5 Canzone della Lega
- 6 Funiculi Funicula
- 7 Ciucciu Bellu
- 8 Bella Ciao
- 9 La Mazurka di Carolina
- 10 Tzivaeri
- 11 Tammuriata Nera
- 12 Valzer di Mezzanotte
- 13 Valzer della Fisarmonica
- 14 Santa Lucia
- 15 Tarantellas
- 16 Madonna Del Mare
- 17 Waltzing Matilda

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