

LUCA BASSANESE & LA PICCOLA ORCHESTRA POPOLARE

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Italian Folk · Adriatic Rhythms · Collective Joy



MUSIC, COMMUNITY AND HOPE

There is a kind of music that brings people together, making them dance and reflect at the same time. A music born in public squares, inspired by the stories of ordinary people, speaking about the environment, freedom, love and the future without ever losing its smile.

For more than a decade, Luca Bassanese has brought this vision to stages across Europe with his Piccola Orchestra Popolare, creating a unique live performance where Italian songwriting meets tarantella, Mediterranean folk traditions, Balkan brass and the vibrant energy of contemporary folk music.

Singer-songwriter, poet, accordionist and environmental activist, Bassanese is today one of the most distinctive voices of the new Italian folk music. Every concert becomes a shared experience where music, participation and human connection come together, bringing audiences of every age, culture and background into the same celebration.

"Luca Bassanese is a dreamer: ecologist, accordionist, singer, poet, activist. His live performances are festive and socially engaging.

A feel-good antidote to the gloom of our times."

Sziget Festival (Hu)



Photo by Carlo and Linda Nari @ (A)Mare

THE SOUND OF THE ADRIATIC

Inspired by Fabrizio De André and the great Italian singer-songwriters of the 1970s, Luca Bassanese has developed an original musical language rooted in the folk traditions of both shores of the Adriatic Sea.

Italian folk melodies engage in dialogue with Balkan traditions, brass bands meet poetry, and the rhythm of the tarantella becomes a universal language capable of bringing together audiences from different cultures.

The result is a unique musical universe built upon:

- Italian Folk
- Adriatic Traditions
- Balkan Brass
- Opera Buffa
- Contemporary World Music

A kaleidoscope of music and poetry that transforms every concert into a shared celebration.

"As nobody else, he represents a new generation of Italian folk singer-songwriters who see the world with irony, a little desperation and confidence in humankind."

Bardentreffen Festival (DE)



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Luca Bassanese's music speaks about the environment, peace, social justice, participation and human rights.

Yet it does so through the lightness of folk music.

Through smiles.
Through dance.
Through poetry.

Because music can still be a place where people meet
and change together.
For Luca Bassanese, music means community.

Because true strength lies in participation!

"Luca Bassanese and his ensemble celebrate life - loudly, wildly, poetically and warmly - while at the same time sending a message of peace, freedom and social justice."

Ancient Trance Festival (DE)

Photo by Frank Verlinden @ Airbag Festival Bruges



Photo by Fabrizio Gatta @ Il Mondo che vorrei



Photo by Luk Dombrecht @ Dranouter Festival



Photo by Michael Pohl @ Rudolstadt Festival



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Photo by Ludwig Walendorf @ Paléo Festival Nyon



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For more than a decade, Luca Bassanese & La Piccola Orchestra Popolare have performed at Europe's leading festivals dedicated to world music, folk traditions and the performing arts, building an international journey across some of the continent's most prestigious events.

"We do not like repeating ourselves, but due to overwhelming audience demand and following a now legendary performance at the previous edition, Luca Bassanese & La Piccola Orchestra Popolare were invited back to Dranouter Festival."

Dranouter Festival (BE)

Selected Highlights

- **Sziget Festival** (Hungary)
- **Paléo Festival** (Switzerland)
- **Rudolstadt Festival** (Germany)
- **Bardentreffen Festival** (Germany)
- **Esperanzah! Festival** (Belgium)
- **Dranouter Festival** (Belgium)
- **Budapest Ritmo** (Hungary)
- **Le Grand Soufflet Festival** (France)
- **Cabaret Sauvage** (France)
- **Eurofonik Festival** (France)
- **Paimpol Festival** (France)
- **Sete Sóis Sete Luas Festival** (Portugal)
- **Saalfelden Jazz Festival** (Austria)
- **Jazz & The City** (Austria)
- **Ariano Folk Festival** (Italy)
- **Alkantara Fest** (Italy)

Also featured at **Airbag Festival** (Belgium), **Ancient Trance Festival** (Germany), **Sommerfestival der Kulturen** (Germany), **Ulmer Zelt** (Germany), **Treibhaus Innsbruck** (Austria), **Internationale Kulturbörse Freiburg** (Germany) and many other international events across Europe.

"Standing ovations for Luca Bassanese and his band. A magnificent Fellini-inspired show."

Le Grand Soufflet Festival (FR)

THE FELLINIAN CIRCUS

Many journalists, music critics and artistic directors have described Luca Bassanese's artistic universe through the language of cinema, Commedia dell'Arte and Italian popular theatre.

On stage, different worlds come together:

- Poetry
- Irony
- Theatre
- Imagination
- Folklore
- Participation

A modern folk operetta open to the world.

"At the center of the European world music festivals, Luca Bassanese & La Piccola Orchestra Popolare look like a gang of raging gladiators in search of the posthumous legacy of Federico Fellini."

Airbag Festival (BE)



WHAT THEY SAY

"A master of dramaturgy who turns every piece into a lavish celebration."

Babette Michel, Deutschlandfunk Kultur (DE)

"A turbo infusion of good humour... A perfectly staged spectacle full of energy and audience participation."

Augsburger Allgemeine (DE)

"The Commedia dell'Arte meets the magical universe of Fellini."

Cabaret Sauvage (FR)

"The craziest and coolest concert of the summer."

Treibhaus Innsbruck (AT)

"Luca Bassanese sets on fire the hearts of festival goers with his carnival folk and galvanizes the crowd with his environmental speeches."

Paléo Festival (CH)

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AVAILABLE LINE-UPS

QUARTET

Luca Bassanese - lead vocals, accordion, clarinet, stompbox

Stefano Florio - guitars, mandolin, vocals

Elodie Lebigre - vocals, tamburello, performance

Tommaso Maddalena - drums

SEXTET

Luca Bassanese - lead vocals, accordion, clarinet, stompbox

Stefano Florio - guitars, mandolin, vocals

Elodie Lebigre - vocals, tamburello, performance

Tommaso Maddalena - drums

Domenico De Nichilo - trumpet

Paolo Cecchin - bass

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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Top 10 World Music Charts Europe
- MEI Award Best Italian Folk Artist
- Premio Recanati Musicultura
- Marcello Torre National Prize
- Premio Costruiamo Gentilezza 2026



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105K+ Followers

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