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PERCUSSIONIST
TEACHER
DRUM CIRCLE FACILITATOR





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Davide Roberto is an innovative Italian percussionist and singer originally from Puglia, currently based in Rome.

He holds a degree in Musicology and wrote his graduate thesis on the history and techniques of traditional Italian frame drums (tamburello and tammorra).

Self-taught from an early age, he has also studied with notable Italian percussionist Massimo Carrano. He is dedicated to performing and teaching diverse styles of world music, folk music, and jazz; his broad repertoire has seen him participating, with his projects and famous artists, including helping to organize the prestigious "Suoni del Mediterraneo" Festival in Andria, a UNESCO-sponsored event.

In Summer 2017 he plays for Pop Star Madonna's Birthday.

In addition to Zafarán, he is a founding member of the band Progetto Migala, which focuses on the diverse influences that make up the traditional music of southern Italy; their album World 'n' Folk Music (2014) won the "Battle of the Bands" contest at the World Music Network in the UK. He is also currently involved with the musical project Zafarán (United States - Italy), Paola Bivona (Tuscany), Zenia Folk Immaginario (Rome), Tarantrád and Gimbo Musica (Rome).

An avid freelancer in Italy's capital city, he frequently performs with a number of ensembles as well as teaching private percussion lessons and leading drum circles. Also active in teaching percussion online (Skype, Zoom, etc ...).

ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE

- PICCOLO JOVINELLI Theater (artistic direction of Serena Dandini) - 2004
- "Il Regno di Armonia" at the Auditorium of Letters and Philosophy of the University of Rome Tor Vergata (2004)
- In the summer of 2005 with Pino Zimba
- "Salvatore Di Giacomo" was performed at the Tenda Blu Theater in Rome Tor Tre Teste (2005)
- Poems by Dante and D'Annunzio musically represented at the Theater of Tor Bella Monaca under the artistic direction of Michele Placido (2006)
- On 7 October 2007 at the PARCO DELLA MUSICA AUDITORIUM, in the LUCIANO BERIO auditorium.
- At Leoncavallo Social Center in Milan he plays in the Senzaterra formation, for the fifth edition of the Cicileu Festival.
- In the 2007 edition of the Sounds of the Mediterranean Festival - directed by Rino Inchingolo - participates in the show STUPOR MUNDI.
- In 2009 with Nando Citarella and I Tamburi Del Vesuvio in Sorrento, for "A Night For Caruso - 2009 Caruso"
- In 2009 he plays with Senzaterra at the Muso MUSIC FESTIVAL of Oriolo Romano.
- In 2009 he plays at the Masciari Theater in Catanzaro with the Senzaterra in the show "CUMPARIELLI".
- In 2009 he plays at the Festival Suoni Dal Mediterraneo with the group COLLETTIVO POPOLARE U ZINNANE
- In 2010 he plays with the Tomma Tomme group directed by Massimiliano Morabito. The band plays at:
The 3rd Maldon Festival of Arts, on June 19, 2010 in LONDON (Great Britain)
Museum of Musical Instruments in Rome, January 29, 2010
- On October 14, 2011 he plays in the Basilica of San Pancrazio (Rome) for the Spanish Ambassadors in Italy and the Vatican City. He performs with the Medieval Music group "Il Rondello"
- In Summer 2011 he joined to the Contraggiro group directed by the researcher Annamaria Bagorda, proposing popular sounds of Traditional Music from Puglia
With the group he plays at: Tamburello Festival in the Summer 2011 (Zambrone); Festival Suoni Dal Mediterraneo in the Summer 2011 (Andria);
Prochyta Festival 2012 (Procida Island - Naples); Radicazioni 2012 (Alessandria del Carretto - Calabria).
- With Progetto Satyriae on 29 September 2012 he participates in the Les Europhonies Parades in Strasbourg
- Migala - 1st place at "The Battle of the Bands" by World Music Network - 2014 (UK)
- Migala - 3rd place at "Premio Critica" by "Musica Nelle Aie 2015" (Faenza)
- Newpoli - XXXII° Rassegna Internazionale della Cultura e delle Tradizioni Popolari in Pignola (PZ)
- Summer 2016 at Rock In Roma
- Newpoli - Festival Adriatico Mediterraneo 2016 (Ancona)
- Migala - Festival Adriatico Mediterraneo 2016 (Ancona)
- Migala - Festival Contaminazioni at Scuola di Musica Popolare di Testaccio - 2016 (Roma)
- Mistura Maneira - Open act for Mannarino at Rock in Roma 2017
- 15 August 2017 at the birthday of Pop Star Madonna
- Sabaudia Sunset Jazz Festival with Banda Tres - Summer 2018
- Live @ Achemika Festival 2019 opening at the Giorgio Conte concert
- Zenia - Festival "Di Voci e Di Suoni" 2019 (Caprarola)
- Zenia - Muntagn In Jazz Festival 2019
- Zenia - Carsica Festival 2019
- Zenia - Stradarolo Festival 2019 - Zagarolo
- Newpoli - Festival La Luna e i Calanchi 2019 - Aliano
- Mephitis Ensemble - Tinkunako 5 (2019) at Acrobax - Rome
- Festival Teatro Ragazzi 2019 with Tarantrád (Guardea)
- Paola Bivona Quartet "Saudades do Brasil" - Festival Sete Sóis Sete Luas 2021 (Pontedera - Toscana)
- Festival Ville e Castella 2021 with Zenia (Acqualagna - Marche)
- Teatro Romano di Gubbio with Zenia - Summer 2021
- World Land Festival 2021 with Zenia (Montegiorgio - Marche)
- Auditorium Parco Della Musica with Zenia - 8 Marzo 2022 (Roma)
- Festa Per La Cultura 2022 with Zenia (Roma)
- Festival Folkways 2022 with Zenia a Ciciliano (Roma)
- Paola Bivona Quartet "Saudades do Brasil" - Festival Sete Sóis Sete Luas 2022 (Pontedera - Toscana)
- Festival Teatro Ragazzi 2022 with Tarantrád (Guardea)

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- Migala - World 'n' Folk Music (2014) - <https://migala.bandcamp.com/>
- Paolo Pavan - The Swing of The Things (2015) - <https://paolopavan.bandcamp.com/album/the-swing-of-things>
- Pasqualino Ubaldini e Paolo Pavan - Lines (2016) - <https://www.jamendo.com/album/156638/lines>
- Amandine Thiriet - Contretemps (2018) - <https://tinyurl.com/AmandineThirietcontretemps>
- Mephitis Ensemble - Piccola Raccolta Di Brani Mortali (2019) - <https://mephitisensemble.bandcamp.com/album/piccola-raccolta-di-brani-mortali>
- Zenia - Suoni e Storie di un Paese Immaginario (2020) - <https://tinyurl.com/zeniafolkimmspotify>
- Jimbo - Come L'Uomo Della Luna (2021) - <https://tinyurl.com/jimbomusicaalbum>

Guest

- Triodeno (2012) - <https://triodeno.bandcamp.com/track/totocutugno>
- Pivirama (Raffaella Daino) - <https://www.rockit.it/pivirama/canzone/war-live-unplugged-demo-inc-oncert-radio-lrai/171252>
- Save Gaza Compilation with Pasqualino Ubaldini & Paolo Pavan (2014) - <https://freeartistsforgaza.bandcamp.com/track/handala>
- Kaboom - <https://soundcloud.com/kaboombalfolk/pat-hogans-polkajohn-ryans-polka>
- Massimiliano Felice (Feat. Davide Roberto) - La Gabbia - <https://soundcloud.com/massi-felice-719208971/la-gabbia>
- Jimbo - Sin Miedo (2019) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jnmspv7MH6o>
- Jimbo - Mocambo (2019) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cD-Rj56Linw&t=12s>
- Paola Bivona & Davide Roberto - A Luz De Tieta (2020) - <https://soundcloud.com/davideroberto/paola-bivona-davide-roberto-a-luz-de-tieta-by-caetano-veloso>
- Andrea Marchesino - Quaranta (2020) [Track "Choro Pazzo Pazzo"; "Tutti ci hanno qualche cosa" e "Tarantella"] - <https://tinyurl.com/amqsp>
- Note D'Identità - Il mio canto libero (2020) - https://youtu.be/YvOa_tr-pnQ