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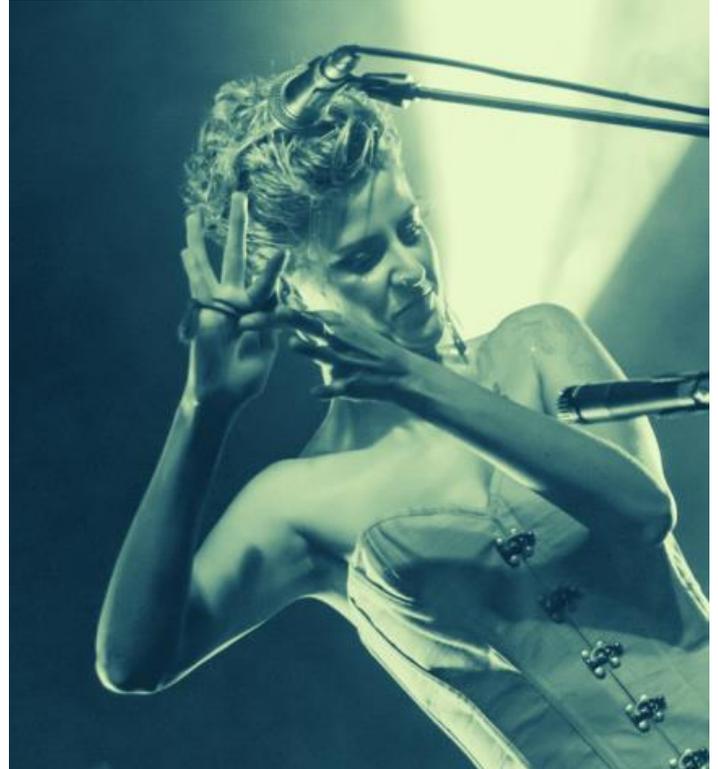
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Folkatomik is a new player on the global sound folktronica scene. Established in Turin (Italy) in 2019, the quartet blends avant-garde electronica with traditional music from southern Italy, the Mediterranean, and other eclectic sources. The result is an original sound and live performance, including thrilling vocals, that make you dance, and reconnect with the deep and the ancient through the power of electronica and tarantella & pizzica. Their debut album "Polaris" (ItalySona) was released on June 24, 2022.

LINE-UP

Franco Montanaro



Voice, tamburines, rattles

Franco is a singer, drummer, and percussionist with an extensive CV on music from Southern Italy and North Africa. He has performed in two editions of the major Italian music festival "La Notte della Taranta". As a band leader, he has toured several times Sardinia, France, Switzerland, and Italy with the "Collettivo Musicale In.con.tra.da". He is also the co-founder of the "Festival delle Province", and has played with the oriental dance ensemble of Egyptian master percussionist Tarek Awad Alla

Dreste Forestieri



Plectrum, Mediterranean wind instruments

Multi-instrumentalist, Dreste plays flutes and reed instruments, frame drums and plectrum. He has worked with Italian artists Otello Profazio, Tonino Carotone, Raiz, Tony Mc Manus, Mariano Caiano, and Fabio Curto, and performed and toured with various ensembles visiting such countries as Germany, France, Benelux, Turkey, Greece, Romania, Morocco, Argentina and Brazil. He published his first solo album "Taranta Muffin-U passatu è turnatu" in 2006, and is featured on many recordings of various artists as a side-man.

Valeria Quarta



Voice, percussion, small percussion

Valeria began her musical studies at a very young age. She studied opera singing and vocal jazz in Turin, and specialised with the American vocal coach Cheryl Porter. She has dedicated much of her career to the study of Italian popular music and traditional music of Southern Italy. She also learned percussion. Her live music experience brought her to rock, blues, reggae, and Latin American music. She has been working for years as the lead singer of the "Valeria Quarta Project", and has been part of the "Three Sisters" female vocal trio.

Daniele Li Bassi



Guitars & DJ set

Guitarist and producer, Daniele has shared the stages of Steve Winwood, Whitney Houston, Eugenio Finardi, Max Gazzè, Bandabardò, and many others Italian and international artists. He has a strong experience in music production (Emi, Warner Chappell, Universal, Diy, and RaiTrade). He released the album "Il Latoright" in 2015, winning the Carish "Stefano Rosso" Music Awards. He permanently works with the "Assembly Theater" company where he has staged various pieces by and with Renzo Sicco and Luis Sepúlveda. He regularly produced works for Italian broadcasting companies like Rai, Mediaset, La7, and Sky2.

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