

## CANZONIERE GRECANICO SALENTINO Returns to North America

(January 03, 2013)



Italy's Top World Music Group in 11 City Concert Tour of the US and Canada. Kick Off will be on February 1 in New York City "CGS was a whirlwind" -- THE NEW YORK TIMES "Their intense and precise arrangements are utterly beguiling and trance-inducing" -- THE NEW YORKER "The best concert I've seen recently is Canzoniere Grecanico Salentino. The band is remarkable..." -- MARC RIBOT

Italy's leading ensemble on the world music circuit, Canzoniere Grecanico Salentino, opens 2013 with the announcement of their North American concert return. Hailing from the Puglia region, the seven piece band and dancer are the number one exponents in a new wave of young performers re-inventing Southern Italy's Pizzica Taranta music and dance traditions for today's global audience. CGS introduced North American audiences to the power of Taranta for the first time in 2011. The



group's critically acclaimed debut tour led to a pair of high profile invitations for appearances at the 2012 editions of globalFEST and Womex, the international music market's two top showcase events.

Opening in New York City, on Friday, February 1, 2013 at Pace University's Schimmel Center for the Arts, Canzoniere Grecanico Salentino will perform a set drawn from their new album "Pizzica Indivolata" which entered the World Music Charts Europe at #2 in December 2012 and features guest appearances by Malian kora virtuoso Ballaké Sissoko and pan-European singer-songwriter Piers Faccini. CGS' Winter tour winds through performing arts centers and clubs in 11 US and Canadian cities on the East Coast and in the Midwest, finishing on Sunday, February 17, 2013 at Navy Pier in Chicago. In mid-March 2013 Canzoniere Grecanico Salentino will take an American Spring Break confirming their first appearance at the famed SXSW Music Festival in Austin, TX.

Italy's fascinating dichotomy of tradition and modernity come together in the music of [Canzoniere Grecanico Salentino](#) [2]. With 17 albums and countless live performances throughout Europe and the Middle East, Canzoniere Grecanico Salentino was originally founded in 1975 by Daniele Durante. Leadership of the ensemble was handed down to Durante's son Mauro, an already noted percussionist and violinist, in 2007. In 2010 Canzoniere Grecanico Salentino was awarded Best Italian World Music Group at Italy's MEI confab. Mauro Durante and CGS also serve as core members of the Notte Della Taranta orchestra. Since 1998 this annual festival has sparked a modern renaissance in the music and dance of Puglia born from the ancient and universally-known Italian legend of the Tarantella. The event has drawn the attention of noted international music figures such as Anglo-American drummer Stewart Copeland as well as musical stars of Italy's new generation already known to American audiences including Carmen Consoli, Vinicio Capossela and Ludovico Einaudi all of whom have traveled to the Lecce province and the Grecia Salentina to perform with CGS.

Canzoniere Grecanico Salentino North American Winter Tour:

Friday | February 1, 2013 | 7:30pm: New York City, NY

MICHAEL SCHIMMEL CENTER FOR THE ARTS

3 Spruce Street

Tickets: \$35

<http://www.pace.edu/culture/canzoniere-grecanico-salentino> [3]

Saturday | February 2, 2013 | 8pm: Arlington, VA

ARTISPHERE BALLROOM

1101 Wilson Boulevard

Tickets: \$20

<http://artisphere.com/calendar/event-details/Music/CANZONIERE-GRECANICO-SALENTINO.aspx> [4]

Sunday | February 3, 2013 | 8pm (Doors 7pm): Philadelphia, PA

WORLD CAFE LIVE Upstairs

3025 Walnut Street

Tickets: \$10-13



<http://tickets.worldcafelive.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=4047> [5]

Wednesday | February 6, 2013 | 7pm: Hanover, NH

SPAULDING AUDITORIUM

Hopkins Center for the Arts

2 East Wheelock Street

Dartmouth College

Tickets: \$10-30

<http://hop.dartmouth.edu/performances/canzoniere-grecanico-salentino> [6]

Thursday | February 7, 2013 | 7:30pm: Somerville, MA

JOHNNY D'S

117 Holland St Davis Square

Tickets: \$28

<http://www.worldmusic.org/canzoniere-grecanico-salentino-0-957> [7]

Friday | February 8, 2013 | 7:30pm: Dearborn, MI

ARAB AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM

13624 Michigan Avenue

Tickets: \$10

Saturday | February 9, 2013 | 8pm (Doors 7pm): London, ON

WOLF PERFORMANCE HALL

252 Dundas Street - Downtown Library

Tickets: \$25

<http://www.ticketscene.ca/events/7607/> [8]

Monday | February 11, 2013 | 7pm (doors 6pm): Cedar Rapids, IA

CSPS Hall

1103 Third Street, SE

Tickets: \$17-21

<http://legionarts.org/calendar-list> [9]

Tuesday | February 12, 2013 | 7:30pm (Doors 7pm): Minneapolis, MN

CEDAR CULTURAL CENTER

---



416 Cedar Ave South

Tickets: \$15-18

<http://www.5gig.com/concerts/Canzoniere+Grecanico+Salentino-Minneapolis-MN> [10]

Thursday | February 14, 2013 | 7:30pm: Marquette, MI

ISPHEMING WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

300 Westwood Drive, Ishpeming, MI

Tickets: \$20

Sunday | February 17, 2013 | 12pm: Chicago, IL

NAVY PIER

600 East Grand Avenue

Tickets: free

[http://www.navy pier.com/cal\\_events/cal\\_home.html](http://www.navy pier.com/cal_events/cal_home.html) [11]

Friday - Saturday | March 15 - 16, 2013 | TBA: Austin, TX

SXSW Music Festival

<http://sxsw.com/music/shows/about> [12]

**Source URL:** <http://iitaly.org/magazine/events/reports/article/canzoniere-grecanico-salentino-returns-north-america>

### Links

[1] <http://iitaly.org/files/canzoniere1357192221.jpg>

[2] <http://www.canzonieregrecanicosalentino.net/>

[3] <http://www.pace.edu/culture/canzoniere-grecanico-salentino>

[4] <http://artisphere.com/calendar/event-details/Music/CANZONIERE-GRECANICO-SALENTINO.aspx>

[5] <http://tickets.worldcafelive.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=4047>

[6] <http://hop.dartmouth.edu/performances/canzoniere-grecanico-salentino>

[7] <http://www.worldmusic.org/canzoniere-grecanico-salentino-0-957>

[8] <http://www.ticketscene.ca/events/7607/>

[9] <http://legionarts.org/calendar-list>

[10] <http://www.5gig.com/concerts/Canzoniere+Grecanico+Salentino-Minneapolis-MN>

[11] [http://www.navy pier.com/cal\\_events/cal\\_home.html](http://www.navy pier.com/cal_events/cal_home.html)

[12] <http://sxsw.com/music/shows/about>