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PRESENTS :



IRIDIO was created in 2002 by musician, composer and sound designer Franz Zambon and singer Valentina Buroni.

They wanted to develop an original musical style where they could mix elements taken from different cultures and traditions.

Their debut album was released in 2004 by Standing Stones Records and it's called *WAVES OF LIFE*. It's inspired by Celtic and ethnic music with evocative ambient atmospheres. Many guests musicians played on it mixing acoustic and classical instruments with electronic sounds.

The album was highly appreciated and got excellent reviews on all major European magazines and webzines (*Orkus, Zillo, Sonic Seducer* – Germany, *Keltika, New Age* – Italy and many more).

Such positive reactions gave IRIDIO the chance to perform many live shows all over Italy and abroad, supported by guitar player Maestro Daniele Defranchis. They played live at the famous *Wave Gotik Treffen* Festival (Leipzig, Germany, June 2006) and *Triskell Celtic Festival* (Trieste, Italy, July 2006) just to mention a few. They also performed a small tour in Turkey during Winter 2005.

In 2007 IRIDIO released a new album called *ENDLESS WAY*.

Fifteen international guest musicians coming from both classical and folk environment worked on it and Maestro Daniele Defranchis played classical and acoustic guitar, Turkish saz, oud and santoor. The album was awarded with excellent reviews on the most important international magazines and webzines (*gothicparadise.com* – USA, *Orkus, Zillo, Sonic Seducer* – Germany, *New Age, InSound, Rock Star* – Italy and many more).

Painter Gianrico Agresta and photographer Anna Taschini made some beautiful original artworks which are included in the CD booklet.

The song "*Golden Skies*" was chosen by theatre director Andrea Lisco as source of inspiration for a "musical short movie": an innovative artistic creation in which the author blended elements taken from theatre, cinema and music.

IRIDIO play refined and emotional electro/acoustic - ambient music influenced by Celtic, ancient and ethnic tradition. Acoustic instruments are mixed with electronic sounds in a perfect synthesis between past and present. Elements taken from classical music are blended with sounds and melodies belonging to European and Middle-Eastern folk traditions, creating an evocative "soundtrack style" that leads the listener on a spiritual journey through time and space.

Valentina's charming voice flows like a wave expressing deep emotions with its warm sound and its unique touch which is soft and intense at the same time.

WAVES OF LIFE and ENDLESS WAY are released by *Standing Stones Records* and they are distributed in Italy and Europe by *Audioglobe* (excluding Germany, where they are distributed by *SPV*). Both albums are released and distributed in the USA by *Dancing Ferret Discs – Noir Records*.

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