



Press Release

Radio Dublino presents the fifth edition of the Italian Fusion Festival | Jazz & Pizza Edition

(Dublin, 24 May 2021) Radio Dublino, the first and only Italian radio show in Ireland, in collaboration with the Italian Institute of Culture, presents the Italian Fusion Festival.

This year, the Festival, will take place on 2nd of July in Dublin from 6pm 'til late at BelloBar, Portobello Harbour, Dublin.

Maurizio Pittau, founder and director of Radio Dublino and the Italian Fusion Festival said: "The festival's focus continues to be the promotion of cultural exchanges between Italy and Ireland through the work of several Italian artists based in Ireland. The 2022 edition of the festival is dedicated to Jazz, the most fusion music of all genres in which Italians excel! The participating bands have performed on Radio Dublino shows and offer an exciting overview of the latest music trends in the Dublin scene."

The festival, however, is more than music. Concurrent events such as the Arts exhibition at the Italian Cultural Institute and the short video competition aim at giving the audience a wholesome experience of the encounter between Italian and Irish artistic talents.

Our Festival this year will be launched by a visual art exhibition featuring the work of Irish artist Shane O' Driscoll and Italian artist Giulio Vesprini. The new festival addition will celebrate Italian and Irish contemporary art through a collection that brings together the works of the two street artists, printmakers and curators of urban art projects, both very active in their respective countries. The show, curated by Cristina Ciampaglione, will run from June 16th 2022 to July 1st 2022, at the Italian Institute of Culture in Dublin.

The initiative is the visual art component of the Italian Fusion Festival, promoting the knowledge and value of Italian and Irish contemporary art practices and celebrating similarities between two complementary approaches. The works in the exhibition will offer a point of view on the contemporary practices of the two selected artists, displaying art prints, paintings on canvas, photographs, and videos of urban artworks and projects.

Following the successful previous editions, the short film competition will continue this year. The short videos entering the competition launched by the festival will be screened during the festival night. Film makers whose work represents the fusion of Italian and Irish cultural elements are welcome to submit their short movies for the competition. Submission deadline: 24th June 2022.

A woodfire pizza van will welcome the audience outside the concert venue! A special festival entry+pizza ticket is available to make the most from this Italian experience!

Doors open at 6pm with 5 music acts and a jam session on the cosy BelloBar stage.

Lineup:

- Maja Elliott Ensemble
- Almonte & Molina - A Guitar dialogue
- Luisa Annibali Band
- Antoni O'Breskey - Nomadic Piano Project
- Jam Session

Antoni O'Breskey (Antonio Breschi) is a composer, pianist and trumpet player, writer and music educator. Born in Italy with Argentine roots, he graduated in piano at Conservatorio Luigi Cherubini of Florence and introduced improvised-style piano into Irish and Flamenco music during the early 80's, blending it with blues and creating a positively new and original jazz piano style. For many years and predating the times he was gathering together extraordinary musicians from all over the world, and recording more than 35 albums which form "The Nomadic Piano Collection".

Led by the talented Italian singer and composer, Luisa Annibali Band is a Dublin-based ensemble with an international lineup. They naturally compound different styles of music, exploring Jazz, Neo Soul, Funky, Brazilian music, and Free Jazz.

Growing up in the hothouse of Latin-American rhythms and styles, and schooled in the art of jazz and improvisation, the duo Almonte & Molina explores and develops time-honored songs and original compositions in a unique and innovative style. Rodrigo Almonte (Peru) and Orlando Molina (Chile/Venezuela) are both guitarists and composers, and they have combined forces to create an artistic work that blends elements of Jazz and Latin-American Music which welcome the listener to experience the duo's musical friendship.

Maja Elliott is joined on piano by Sam Wright on double bass. Together they have performed in the Róisín Dubh and composed/ improvised film soundtracks Maja's music has often been featured on Blue of the Night. Maja Elliott's music takes you on an ethereal journey through Debussy inspired landscapes infused with classical improvisation, nordic modern jazz, ethnic rhythms and Irish overtones.

For more information: <http://www.italianfusionfestival.com/>

About Radio Dublino

Radio Dublino is a weekly Italian radio magazine broadcasted since 2013 every Wednesday on Near FM 90.3, a not for profit cooperative run by volunteers who manage their programs autonomously and independently. The programme addresses the Italian community in Dublin, Irish speakers of Italian and all residents in Ireland interested in Italian culture, Italian music and Italian language. <https://radiodublino.com/>