

Biography

LARRY FRANCO (Bari, 17/08/1961)

Voice & Piano

Best Jazz Singer 2008 "Italian Jazz Awards" – Luca Flores

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Lorenzo Franco, in art "Larry", starts to study piano at 6 years old.

1990 – He began his carrier of Crooner in the Jazz Sudio Orchestra from Bari

1992 - 1993 – Performed in Bruxelles for the "Delegation Permanente de l'Italie au Conseil Atlantique".

1994 - 1995 – moved in Los Angeles for one year and studied vocal technique with Gene Merlino. In L.A. performed in several Jazz Clubs of West Coast. Performed by the Italian Institute Of Culture of Los Angeles where he met the movie director Michelangelo Antonioni and Sofia Loren in the occasion of the Oscar Nomination of Michelangelo Antonioni carrier on march 1995.

1997 - performed as crooner of the Italian Big Band of Marco Renzi at the National Radio Network "Stasera a Via Asiago" conducted by Adriano Mazzoletti (Rai Stereo Due).

1998 – He met Nicola Arigliano the well know Italian crooner, and played piano in his trio till August of the same year.

1999 –He toured with the Italian Big Band in the Arab Emirates, performing by the National Theatre of Abu Dhabi and by the Crown Plaza Hotel in Dubai. On May he recorded "Nuttin' But Nat" dedicated to Nat King Cole, with Franco Cerri, Fabrizio Bosso, Massimo Manzi, Guido Di Leone. The Cd was introduced in the Europe scene by Giuliano Fournier on RADIO SVIZZERA "RETE 1". The same year he also recorded another CD called "Dixinality" with his traditional Jazz Band

2000 – He toured the Turkey, performing at Izmir and Ankara. On June he performer by the Middlebury College in Vermont (U.S.A). During the summer partecipated at Verona Jazz Festival sharing the same stage togheter with Natalie Cole and Herbie Hancock.

2001 – he toured Etiopia, Addis Ababa for the Italian Institute of Culture.

2002 – On March he came back to Turkey for the 9° edizion of Izmir European Jazz Festival, performing also by Ankara University and Istanbul by the Italian Institute of Culture's Theatre and recorded two more Cds: "Christmas Songs" and "Dixinality 2".

2003 – On february he performed in India, at Kala Ghoda Art Festival in Mumbai and in New Delhi by the Kamani Auditorium. In June he performer in Greece to Patras, Athens (Megaro Mousikis Theatre) e Salonico (at Mylos). During the summer he partecipated at Rimini, Terni and Livorno Jazz Festival. On the 2nd of July he came back to Middlebury College nel Vermont to have a concert by the University Music Hall. On december 2003 he recorded in New York with Dado Moroni (p), Ira Coleman (cb) e Jimmy Cobb (dr). his Cd "Introducing Larry Franco, Jazz Singer!" by Philology J.R. W718). On december performed by the Camerata Musicale Barese in the Classical Season.

2004 – On march he partecipated at Camerino International Jazz Competition On Aprile 2004 the Nat King Cole tour with Franco Cerri, Dado Moroni and Ira Coleman. On May he toured in Marocco perfoming in Rabat at Mohamed V Theatre and by the Royal Golf Club for a Gala Dinner. On June he performed at Terni Jazz Festival with Daniele Scannapieco, and during the summer performing for several Jazz Festival in Italy and took part in a Tv Show of the Italian National Tv Rai Uno called "Linea Blu". On November 11-15 he toured in Romania performing with his quartet in Bucharest for the Italian Institute of Culture and he took part in a Rumanian TV Show "TVR. From 20 to 23 november he performed by the "Quadrième Art" in Tunisi for the Italian Institute of Culture. On december he toured Italy with Gary Smulyan, Ira Coleman, Bepi D'Amato, Michele Carrabba ed Enzo Lanzo for a tribute to Gerry Mulligan. Also in december recorded a new CD by Philology, with a new band, the Italian Jazz Ensemble

2005 – On February he participated at "Dubai International Jazz Festival" with his quartet. In march a tour dedicated to Gorni Kramer e Natalino Otto with Franco Cerri. On April he participated at Abu Dhabi International Jazz Festival. On September he performed at Ischia Jazz Festival (by Umbria Jazz). On October a very important and long tour of 20 days in Australia performing at Manly International Jazz Festival close to Sydney, at Kyneton Jazz festival and at the Italian Jazz festival in Melbourne. After Australia, going back home, he performed by the Hong Kong Country Club. In December recorded the new CD "Import Export" by Philology (W607) in quartet :

2006 – On January performer by the Camerata Musicale Sulmonese, on February performed for "Sinatra Days" by the Verona Philharmonic Theatre. On March he performed at Orvieto Jazz and again at the Dubai International Jazz Festival from 6 to 10 March. On April performed at Terni Jazz In Spring and from 6 to 11 May at Europafest in Bucharest sponsored by the Italian Institute of Culture. On September performer for "Barattelli Concerti" at l'Aquila in quartet with Bepi D'Amato. On October 2006 performed in Japan at the Yokohama Jazz Promenade and Tokyo by the Italian Institute Of Culture's Auditorium "Umberto Agnelli". On November he toured Cuba partecipating at the "IX settimana della Cultura" invited by the Italian Embassy of Havana. On december partecipated at the International

Movie Festival in Marrakech Marocco sponsored by the Rabat Italian Institute of Culture and performing also at Teatro Italia in Casablanca for the Dante Alighieri Association and the Italian Consulate in Casablanca.

2007 – On March he participated at Java Jazz International in Jakarta and at "Dubai International Jazz Festival. On May he came back for the third time in Romania by the Europafest in Bucharest where he was nominated president of Jury of the first edition of International Jazz competition. On the 16th May he performed in Tirana (Albania) for "Klasik" Music Season sponsored by the Italian Institute of Culture. On the 1st of June he performed in Casablanca for the Celebration Day of the Italian Republic invited by the Italian Consulate of Italy and by the Dante Alighieri Association. On the 24th of June performed for "Aosta Classica" in a special evening concert dedicated to Mario Pogliotti and presented by the very famous Tv conductor Piero Angela. Then performed at Macerata Jazz Festival and Onyx Jazz Festival in Matera. On November 26th to the 3rd of December he came back to Cuba for the "X settimana della Cultura Italiana all' Avana" Sponsored by the Puglia Region. In November also two new cds : Two In One (Piano Elegy), just piano and voice with on pianos, Franco D'Andrea, Dado Moroni, Renato Sellani, Nico Morelli, Antonello Vannucchi, Eddy Olivieri, Giorgio Cuscito – Philology W 361, and "A Crooner In The Land Of Dixie - Philology W 362" with his new traditional Jazz band : The Larry Franco's Jazz Society.

2008 – On January performer in Romania at Suceava with the Eldad Tarmu Jazz Ensemble, later in spring he put together the old trio in "Nat King Cole" style and recorded a new live Cd during a concert at the Fioreria in Reggio Calabria. On June he performed at Freiburg on Brisgovia in Germany for the Celebration Day of the Italian Republic with his quartet for the Italian Consulate. Then by the end of June he participated at Ascona Jazz Festival in Switzerland with the Jazz Society. On July he is winner of The ITALIAN JAZZ AWARDS – Luca Flores as "BEST JAZZ SINGER 2008" and performed at Sanremo Jazz where he received the award. He recorded in the fall 2 new Cds : the Nat King Cole tribute live recorded " 3 for Nat" and "All Of Me" another cd made with trio plus some soloists (Andy Gravish, Daniele Scannapieco, Bepi D'Amato, Michele Carrabba, Guido Di Leone) by Philology Jazz Records. On October he performed in Casablanca at Teatro Italia with his new project dedicated to Gorni Kramer (the very well know Italian Orchestra's conductor of the '50) for the Italian Consulate and the Dante Alighieri Association. On November he will be back in Ascona by the Jazz Cat Club and to Cuba for the "XI Settimana Italiana della Cultura" with a new quartet (G.Di Leone, G.Ascolese, I.De Marinis). In November 16th he has been invited to sing "Sinatra" repertoire at the Rai Auditorium in Torino with the Rai Symphonic Orchestra, sharing the stage with Ray Gelato. In November toured for the third time CUBA performing at National Theatre "Belle Artes" in Havana. In December performed at BLUE NOTE Milan with his trio.

2009 - On January performed at Take Five Jazz Club in Tirana (Albania), the 5th of May performed at Rottweil Jazz Fest for a benefit concert for support l'Aquila's Heartquake. On the 19th of June performed in Sofia (Bulgaria) for the Italian week of Culture "Qui Italia" invited by the Italian Institute of Culture. In July performed for the "Mediterranean Olympic Games "Pescara 2009 in Chieti Mediterranean Village, then on the 9th of July performed for the G8 in a concert dedicated with his new "Little Big Band. He performed at Sanremo Jazz festival on the 17th of August and at Sorrento Jazz festival on the 2nd of September. In September he performed at the 6th edition of "Pugljazz" Jazz Festival in Trani (Bari) with his renewed project "Import Export 2" with Michael Rosen, John Arnold and Ilario De Marinis. In October he performed for the "Camerata Musicale Barese" by the Sheraton Hotel in Bari in a Frank Sinatra's tribute with his new Little Bid Band. In November he will perform for the XII Week Of Italian Culture in Cuba and to the "Jazz En Nord" Festival in France with a new quintet (Renato D'Aiello, Andrea Marcelli, Guido Di Leone e Ilario De Marinis). Then some concerts in Belgium (Charleroi - Liegi). In December will perform in London with Renato D'Aiello.

2010 - Those Tours are announced : Syria (5-8) and Sweden (19-25) in March, Ascona Jazz Festival in Switzerland in July (2-4) - Locarno Film Festival in August (9-10). On 29th of April he recorded a live cd in Siderno (Reggio Calabria) Fahrenheit around the Night Club's Italian Music, dedicated to Nicola Arigliano. (philology W741). In July recorded a TV Show for TVL Pistoia with his Swingtet. He performed in summer in several Italian Jazz Festival (Amantea, Baronissi, Fermo, Piazza Armerina, Trani)

2011 In January performed at Locarno on Ice with his new quintet from 2nd to 4th at Piazza Grande Jazz Festival. In February is planned a tour in Sweden with 9 concerts, 2 with the Sandviken Big Band e 7 with his Nat King Cole Trio. Among the concerts there will be the FESTIJAZZ in Vasteras and a concert in Stockholm for the Italian Institute of Culture. In October performed by the Italian Institute of Culture in Budapest and 2 concerts for the Italian Institute of Culture in Praha. In October he performed also in Albania for the Italian Institute of Culture in Tirana and for the Italian Consulate of Valona. In October started a new school with Enzo Lanzo, The High Music Academy in Taranto where he is the Art Director and teaches advanced interpretation in Jazz Singing.

Discography

- 1997 - "CONCERTO PER UNA VITA" - pro A.D.M.O. - (Hill Side Jazz Band)
- 1999 - "FRIENDS FOR A.D.M.O." - Crazy Swing Band - con Joy GARRISON
- 1999 - "NUTTIN BUT NAT" - con Franco CERRI, Fabrizio BOSSO. (Azzurra Music)
- 2000 - "...Non è solo tANTa musica" - Larry Franco & Dixinitaly Jazz Band (pro A.N.T.)
- 2000 - "DIXINITALY" - Larry Franco & Dixinitaly Jazz Band (Azzurra Music)
- 2002 - "CHRISTMAS SONGS" - Dixinitaly Jazz Band & Ottonando Brass Quintet
- 2002 - "DIXINITALY 2" - Larry Franco & Dixinitaly Jazz Band
- 2004 - "INTRODUCING ... LARRY FRANCO, JAZZ SINGER !" - Philology W 718
- 2004 - "ITALIAN JAZZ ENSEMBLE" - Philology W 730
- 2005 - "IMPORT EXPORT" LARRY FRANCO QUARTET Philology W 607
- 2007 - "TWO IN ONE" Piano Elegy (D.Moroni-F.D'Andrea-R-Sellani-N.Morelli-E.Olivieri-G.Cuscito) Philology W 361
- 2007 - "A CROONER IN THE LAND OF DIXIE" Larry Franco Jazz Society - Philology W 362
- 2008 - "3 FOR NAT" a Tribute to Nat King Cole - Philology W 400
- 2008 - "ALL OF ME" with A. Gravish, D. Scannapieco, B. D'Amato, M.Carrabba, G.Di Leone - Philology W 420
- 2008 - "DEAR FRANK" Larry Franco Big Band - Philology W 430
- 2009 - "SWINGIN' CHRISTMAS" con Guido di Leone & Singers - Four Edition
- 2010 - "FAHRENHEIT" (C'era una volt ail Night) - Larry Franco Swingtet - Philology W741

World Tour

- 1992 - 1993 **BELGIUM - Bruxelles** - Delegation Permanente de l'Italie au Conseil Atlantique
- 1995 - **U.S.A. - Los Angeles**
- 1999 - **ARAB EMIRATES** (ABU DHABI / DUBAI) Italian Big Band
- 2000 - **TURKEY** (4 Marzo - Hilton IZMIR / 6 Marzo Sheraton ANKARA)
- 2000 - **U.S.A.** Middlebury College - Center of the Arts - Vermont (28 giugno)
- 2001 - **ETHIOPIA** (24 Marzo - Hilton ADDIS ABEBA)
- 2002 - **TURKEY** (22 Marzo 9° European Jazz Festival -IZMIR /25 Università di Hacettepe ANKARA /26 Teatro dell' IIC di ISTANBUL
- 2003 - **INDIA** - 16 febbraio BOMBAY - Kala Ghoda Art Festival / 18 Febbraio NEW DELHI - Kamani Auditorium
- GREECE** - 2,3,4 giugno / Patrasso - Atene - Salonico
- USA** - 2 luglio Middlebury College - Center of the Arts - Middlebury / Vermont
- 2004 - **MOROCCO** - 5 maggio - Teatro Mohamed V
- ROMANIA** - 12 novembre Teatro Arcub - 13 novembre TVR televisione Nazionale Rumena
- TUNISIA** - 22 novembre Teatro "Quadràme Art" di Tunisi
- 2005 - **ARAB EMIRATES** - 1 -4 febbraio PHILIPS DUBAI INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL
- ARAB EMIRATES** - 4 - 8 Aprile ABU DHABI INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL
- AUSTRALIA** - 1-9 Ottobre (2-4) MANLY INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL, (7-8) KYNETON JAZZ FESTIVAL (9) ITALIAN JAZZ IN MELBOURNE, (3) ITALIAN FORUM SYDNEY
- HONG KONG** 10 - 16 ottobre
- 2006 - **ARAB EMIRATES** - 6 -10 marzo PHILIPS DUBAI INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL
- ROMANIA - BUCAREST - EUROPEFEST** 6-11 maggio
- JAPAN** - 4 Ott. Auditorium "Umberto Agnelli" Istituto Italiano di Cultura Tokyo - 5 ott. Akai Karasu - 6 ott. B Flat Jazz Club - Tokyo / 8 ott. YOKOHAMA JAZZ PROMENADE - 9 ott. BarBarBar Yokohama
- CUBA** - 20 -26 novembre - IX Settimana Italiana della Cultura - Teatro del Museo delle Belle Arti
- MOROCCO** - 1-5 dic. 2006 - Festival Internazionale del Cinema a Marrakech - Teatro Italia Casablanca.
- 2007 - **INDONESIA** - 2-4 marzo JAVA JAZZ INTERNATIONAL
- ARAB EMIRATES** - 6 -10 marzo DUBAI INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL
- ROMANIA - BUCAREST - EUROPEFEST** 7-14 maggio
- ALBANIA** - TIRANA - Stagione Concertistica "KLASIK" 16 maggio
- MOROCCO** - Casablanca 1 giugno Festa della Repubblica - Dante Alighieri e Consolato Italiano
- CUBA** - 26 nov 2 dic - X Settimana Italiana della Cultura - Teatro del Museo delle Belle Arti
- 2008 - **ROMANIA** - Suceava with Eldad Tarmu Jazz Ensemble
- GERMANY** - 2 giugno Festa della Repubblica - FRIBURGO
- SWITZERLAND** - 26-29 giugno - ASCONA JAZZ FESTIVAL
- MOROCCO** : 10 ottobre - Casablanca (Teatro Italia)
- SWITZERLAND** : 17 novembre - Ascona - Jazz Cat Club
- CUBA** : 24-30 novembre - XI Settimana della Cultura Italiana - l'Avana
- 2009 - **ALBANIA** - TIRANA (gennaio - maggio) Take Five Jazz Club - Rei Jazz Club
- GERMANY** - Rottweil Jazz Festival - 6 maggio
- BULGARIA** - 19 Giugno - Qui Italia Festival
- CUBA** : 24 novembre - XII Settimana della Cultura Italiana - l'Avana
- FRANCE** - Jazz En Nord Jazz Festival - Marcq En Baroeul 27 novembre
- BELGIUM** : 28 Charleroi Charlie's Jazz Club - 29 Liegi L'Aquilone Centre Culturel
- ENGLAND** : 11 dicembre Old Salt Quay - Londra, 12 The Font Ironbridge, 13 Seven @ Hugo's Londra
- GERMANY** - Bad Sackingen 27 dicembre
- 2010 - **SIRIA** - Homs 6 march for the Saint Eliane Cultural Festival
- SWEDEN** - Virsbo, Enkoping, Vasteras, Nykoping, Borlange, Gavle Jazz Clubs 20 -25 march
- SWITZERLAND** - 2 -4 july Ascona Jazz Festival
- SWITZERLAND** 9,10 august Locarno Film Festival
- 2011 - **SWITZERLAND** : LOCARNO ON ICE FESTIVAL - 2,3,4 JANUARY
- SWEDEN** : 3- 11 FEBRUARY (VASTERAS JAZZ FESTIVAL) - IIC STOCKHOLM
- REPUBBLICA CECA** : PRAGA 7-8 OCTOBER
- UNGHERIA** : 10 OCTOBER BUDAPEST
- ALBANIA** : TIRANA, VALONA 21,22,23,24 OCTOBER

JAZZ FESTIVALS

IN ITALY

ASPETTANDO GIFFONI ... AVELLINO 2011
SANT' ELMO JAZZ FESTIVAL - NAPOLI 2011
EUROPEAN JAZZ EXPO - CAGLIARI 2010
PIAZZA ARMERINA JAZZ 2009 - 2010
AMANTEA JAZZ 2010
SANREMO JAZZ 2009
SORRENTO JAZZ 2009
PUGLJAZZ 2009 - 2010
GIOCHI DEL MEDITERRANEO 2009 - Pescara
NICK LA ROLLA JAZZ FESTIVAL (Lerici 2008)
SANREMO JAZZ 2008
PUGLJAZZ 2008
CITTADUCALE JAZZ FEST 2008
TERNI IN JAZZ SPRING - aprile 2006
PUGLJAZZ (TRANI) 2004, 2005, 2006
ISCHIA JAZZ FESTIVAL 2005
TERNI JAZZ FESTIVAL #4 - 25 -27 giugno 2004
ASSISI INTERNATIONAL DIXIELAND FESTIVAL - 22 23 luglio 2004
CEPPALONI JAZZ & BLUES 25 luglio 2004
POLLICORO JAZZ FESTIVAL 29 luglio 2004 -
FESTIVAL INTERN. DELLE CHITARRE mottola 6 luglio 2003
LIVORNO JAZZ FESTIVAL - 31 Luglio 2003
TERNI JAZZ FESTIVAL #3- 20 - 22 giugno 2003
RIMINI FANS JAZZ FESTIVAL - maggio 2003
TEGGIANO JAZZ FESTIVAL 2002 - Nicola Arigliano trio
FESTIVAL JAZZ DELLE SERRE 2002 - Nicola Arigliano Trio - Cerisano (Cs) -
TERNI in JAZZ FESTIVAL #2 - giugno 2002
FESTIVAL DELLA CANZONE "JAZZATA" - SANREMO 2002
FESTIVAL DI SAN MARINO 2000
1° FESTIVAL INTERNAZ. DI JAZZ TRADIZIONALE - Rossano Calabro (Cs) 2000
"ROARING TWENTIES" JAZZ FESTIVAL - ROMA 1999/2000
FESTIVAL "ALLE ORIGINI DEL JAZZ" - Castellana (Ba) 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 - FESTIVAL DELLE BIG BAND - Bari 1999
"WE WANT JAZZ" FESTIVAL" - Aosta 2000
FESTIVAL JAZZ di CERVIA 2000
FASANO JAZZ 2000 - Fasano (Br)
GEZZINVILLA - Torremaggiore (Fg) 1999
FESTIVAL JAZZ DI ANDRIA - Andria (Ba) 1999 2000
Rassegna "ARTISTI TRA I VICOLI" - Martina Franca (Ta) 1998 1999 2001 2002
ACRI JAZZ FESTIVAL 2001
NOTTI DI STELLE - Bari 2000 2001
TALOS JAZZ FESTIVAL 2001 - Ruvo di Puglia (Ba)

AROUND THE WORLD ...

ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI CULTURA BUDAPEST 2011
ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI CULTURA DI PRAGA 2011
ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI CULTURA DI TIRANA 2011
FESTIJAZZ 2011 VASTERAS (SWEDEN)
SANDVIKEN FOLKETHUS 2011 (SWEDEN)
ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI CULTURA DI STOCCOLMA 2010
JAZZ EN NORD - Marcq En Baroeul (Francia) 2009
ANOTHER AMERICA - L'Aquilone - Liegi (Belgio) 2009
QUI ITALIA 2009 - SOFIA (Bulgaria)
ROTTWEIL JAZZ FESTIVAL 2009 (Germania)
TAKE FIVE JAZZ CLUB 2009 (Tirana - Albania)
ASCONA JAZZ FESTIVAL 2008 (Svizzera)
XI SETTIMANA DELLA CULTURA ITALIANA - novembre 2008 (Cuba)
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STAGIONE MUSICALE KLASIK - Tirana ALBANIA - Giugno 2007
EUROPAFEST - Maggio 2007 - Bucarest (Romania)
JAVA JAZZ INTERNATIONAL JAKARTA - Marzo 2007 (Indonesia)
DUBAI INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL - Marzo 2007 (Emirati Arabi)
DUBAI INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FEST 2005
FESTIVAL INTERNAZIONALE DEL CINEMA Marrakech - dicembre 2006 (Marocco)
TEATRO ITALIA Casablanca - dicembre 2006 (Marocco)
IX SETTIMANA DELLA CULTURA ITALIANA - novembre 2006 (Cuba)
YOKOHAMA JAZZ PROMENADE - ottobre 2006 (Giappone)
EUROPAFEST BUCAREST 2006 (Romania)
AUDITORIUM "UMBERTO AGNELLI, TOKYO - ottobre 2006 (Giappone)
B FLAT JAZZ CLUB, AKAY KARASU JAZZ CLUB (Tokyo) ottobre 2006 (Giappone)
BAR BAR BAR (Yokohama) - ottobre 2006 (Giappone)
EUROPAFEST BUCAREST - maggio 2006 (Romania)
MANLY INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL 2005 (Sydney Australia)
KYNETON JAZZ FESTIVAL 2005 (Australia)
ITALIAN JAZZ IN MELBOURNE 2005 (Australia)
DUBAI INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FEST 2005
ABU DHABI INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FEST 2005
KALA GHODA ART FESTIVAL - BOMBAY - INDIA - febbraio 2003
9° EUROPEAN JAZZ FESTIVAL - IZMIR - TURCHIA marzo 2002