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**The band**

Franco Barbanera - whistle, bagpipes, flute, ney, kaval, clarinet

Nektarios Galanis - greek bouzouki, violin, percussion, voice

Angelo Liotta - irish bouzouki, bodhràn, darbouka, tambourine, voice

Francesco Emanuele - greek bouzouki, guitar

Marco Carnemolla - acoustic bass, vocals

Mario Gulisano - cajon, frame drums, darbouka, snare, cymbals, voice

Biography

The ensemble's name was inspired from an ancient Middle Eastern percussion instrument called "Nakaira", similar in form to the Indian *tabla*. Although the name claims oriental origins, Nakaira's initial artistic expectations and aims – after the group's official foundation in 1999 – was to reinstate and promote the Celtic and Irish folk music in Sicily (Italy), where the majority of the members come from. After their first public performances in festivals of local significance in Sicily, in 2000 Nakaira released their first CD titled "Musiche a danzare tra oriente e occidente", followed by their participation in numerous musical seasons as well as in national and international world music festivals in Italy, Portugal, Spain, France, Tunisia, Yemen, Austria, Germany and UK, where they were enthusiastically embraced by both the audience and the music critics. In 2005 Nakaira released its second CD album, this time under the title "Onde sonore dal Mediterraneo".

Their show is like a route along the music and dances of the Mediterranean area, displaying mutual influences from both Greek and Sicilian musical traditions for an evocative combination of a variety of folk and contemporary musical instruments such as, *Greek and Irish bouzouki, violin, bagpipe, saz, oud, accordion*.

Within the context of the prevailed "world music" market, where the fusion of ethnic and modern sounds creates a unique multilingual musical landscape, Nakaira's artistic creations move indeed beyond any cultural or temporal boundaries, in an experience which vitalizes the old and nurtures the new. Their multi-flavoured and vivid music explorations reflect a creative and experimental dialogue with the living music traditions, mostly depicting the Mediterranean soundscapes, fact that is moreover reinforced by the group's multi-ethnic constitution of both Italian and Greek musicians.

Discography

Musiche a danzare tra oriente e occidente - CD (2000)

Ethnoworld Sampler #1 - Compilation CD (2001)

Onde sonore dal Mediterraneo - CD (2003)

Sommer Rhythmen - Compilation CD (2005)

Onde sonore dal Mediterraneo - CD re-issue (2005)

Global Rhythm #June 06 - Compilation CD (2006)

Antologia della musica siciliana - Compilation CD (2006)

In terra zapatista - Compilation CD (2007)

Di terra e di mare - CD (2009)

Last tour 2008/2009

- 05.01.2008 *Linguaglossa (Catania)* [Comune di Linguaglossa](#)
- 18.01.2008 *Catania* [Sala Lomax](#)
- 11.03.2008 *Catania* [Scuola De Sanctis](#)
- 15.04.2008 *Catania* [Ring Aperto 2008](#)
- 17.05.2008 *Palazzolo Acreide (Siracusa)* [La notte dei musei](#)
- 18.06.2008 *Catania* [Esposizione Luigi Rabbito](#)
- 04.07.2008 *Torregrotta (Messina)* [PIazza comunale](#)
- 25.07.2008 *Castelnuovo di Teolo (Padova)* [Valle delle Gombe](#)
- 26.07.2008 *Fratta Polesine (Rovigo)* [Villa Badoer](#)
- 16.08.2008 *Pettorano sul Gizio (L Aquila)* [Etnica in piazza](#)
- 30.08.2008 *Porto Palo C.P. (Siracusa)* [Cortopalo Filmfestival](#)
- 31.08.2008 *Lentini (Siracusa)* [Castello di Xirumi-Serravalle](#)
- 27.09.2008 *Nothallerton, North Yorkshire, UK* [Roots North](#)
- 18.10.2008 *Trecastagni (Catania)* [Festa del castagno](#)
- 09.01.2009 *Enna* **Cinema Grivi**
- 30.04.2009 *Catania* [Centro ZO](#)
- 01.05.2009 *Termoli (Campobasso)* [Due sponde un mare](#)
- 06.05.2009 *Copenhagen, Denmark* [Istituto Italiano di Cultura](#)
- 07.05.2009 *Føllenslev, Denmark* [Kulturhus Gimle](#)
- 08.05.2009 *Odense, Denmark* [Odense Folk Festival](#)
- 09.05.2009 *Nibe, Denmark* [Helkaer Kro](#)
- 12.05.2009 *Oslo, Norway* [Cafeteatret](#)
- 13.05.2009 *Drammen, Norway* [Union Scene](#)
- 05.07.2009 *Gela (Caltanissetta)* **Agimus**
- 19.07.2009 *Acitrezza (Catania)* **Manteca (festa privata)**
- 25-26.07.2009 *Catania* [Etnafest \(sez. Arte\)](#)
- 28.07.2009 *Catania* [Cortile Platamone](#)
- 31.07.2009 *S. G. La Punta* [Premio Rosa Balistreri](#)
- 09.08.2009 *Milo (Catania)* [Musicamilo](#)
- 11.09.2009 *Vigoleno (Piacenza)* [Appennino Folk Festival](#)
- 13.09.2009 *Rovigo* [Ande, bali e cante](#)
- 14.09.2009 *Lentini (Siracusa)* [Castello di Xirumi-Serravalle](#)
- 17.10.2009 *Motta Camastra (Messina)* [Festa della noce](#)
- 04.12.2009 *Catania* [Convegno Acli Sicilia](#)
- 13.12.2009 *Trecastagni (Catania)* [Teatro comunale](#)

