



DONNAFUGATA

Donnafugata Music&Wine

The **Donnafugata Music&Wine Live** project was created in **2002** by group of friends enamored of jazz and Brazilian music. José Rallo, producer and solo vocalist, stages a **multi-sensorial experience** that pairs each wine with a piece of music whose rhythms accompany the sensations of the tasting. Memorable concerts were held in 2004 at the Blue Note in Milan, in 2005 at the Blue Note in New York, and in 2006 in Beijing and Shanghai. In **2004 the first live CD** was recorded and sold in Italian wine shops and restaurants **to raise funds** (120,000 euro) on behalf of the Pediatric Heart Surgery Department of the Palermo City Hospital.



In **2007 the second live CD** featured 15 wind instruments and two great names in world jazz, **Eliot Zigmund** and **Bill Moring**. **These funds** support a **micro-credit project shared with Banca Etica** €and a network of non-profit organizations. In 2010 the first funds were disbursed (22,000 euros) to three young female artisans working in one of the most poorest areas of Palermo. It hasn't been easy but we hope that this successful funding can serve as flywheel for new self-employment projects.

Donnafugata for the heart

Recorded at the Casa della Musica studio in Trieste, the first live CD was released with a concert at the Blue Note jazz club in Milan in October 2004. In 2005 12.000 CDs have been distributed in wine shops and restaurants all over Italy and a sum of € 120.000 has been raised. The funds from sales of the CD were mainly invested in new medical equipment for the **Pediatric Heart Surgery Department of the Palermo Civic Hospital**. A department that thanks to it's excellence has succeeded in assuring a favorable outcome of many "journeys of hope." Today 60% of his young patients come from other parts of Italy and from abroad. The rest of the money has been donated to provide accommodation for the young patient's families in need.

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