



Duo Respiro

Elena Somare' Art whistling

Mats Hedberg Guitar Extraordinaire

For Elena

Valentino Zaichen

"In the beginning the Lord, was the sole creator, who made music universally and who inspired man with his breath. Zephyr copied the sound in vain, as the human whistle was most likely the only imitation of Gods divine breath."

Story



Duo Respiro, a Union of 2 very different artists: Italian whistler Elena Somaré & Swedish guitarist Mats Hedberg. The Duo performs songs from Italian, South American & Swedish folk tradition & Classical Music adding new arrangements highlighting the potential of the Melodic Whistle. An ancestral sound that still is considered vulgar, rude and forbidden for women. Elena narrates in English the surprising story of the whistle and all difficulties encountered from the beginning of her career. Women whistling are still forbidden in many cultures such as the story of American whistler Alice Show tells. In the beginning of the last century Alice became a symbol for the Suffragette movement. The concert also enlightens three different worlds and cultural landscapes extremely connected the passion of Neapolitan melodies, the rhythm of South American music & the nostalgic sound of the North. Elena, exploring the deepest and most nostalgic range of her "instrument", will add a poignant dimension to Hedberg's "Nordic" sounds and to the more rhythmic South American ones.

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Debut release out in June 2024
on CD and all streaming channels in hi audio 96 hz 24 Bit

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WHISTLING CLASSICS

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and on CD - out in june 2024*

A completely new interpretation of songs from Italian, Swedish and classical music. The project shows in all its amazing potential, a new voice in the musical panorama: The melodic whistle.

New because perhaps no one, until now, has succeeded like Somaré in freeing the art of whistling from the routine of mere virtuosity, making it an expressive & moving instrument serving great music. A project made possible by meeting the Swedish guitarist, arranger & composer Mats Hedberg who enthusiastically accepted the challenge of putting such a profound and rarefied sound at the centre.

Two different worlds, two cultural panoramas which however are connected to each other.

The Mediterranean passion & South American music, the snowy horizons and nostalgic ballads of the North. With Mats managing to make ancient and popular Italian songs his own, arranging them in a new and very particular way, while Elena, exploring the more romantic range of her "instrument", adds a poignant dimension to Hedberg's Nordic sounds.



[Incanto \(2016\)](#)



[Incanto \(2018\)](#)



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Highlights



3 DuO Concerts in Paris
at the 6th district
The Art Week
2019

DuO Concert
opening of the
classical music
season for Visbys
Musiksällskap
Gotland Sweden
2022

DuO Concert
Headline at
Cremona Guitar
Festival Italy for
Ramirez Guitars
Madrid
2022

DuO Concert iat
Vivo festival in
CourMayeur
in the Alps
2023

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JOURNEY

VIDEO PERFORMANCES



Song from Utanmyra FB (2017)



Pajarillo Verde FB (2020)



AIR Live (2023)



Blackbird (2021)



Gabriels Oboe (2023)

FROM THE SOUL FOR THE SOUL

www.beacons.ai/duorespiro

Elena started whistling at the age of six.
Her first live performance, 10 years ago,
performing at Jazzclub Alexanderplatz in Rome Italy.

After that, many things happened:

3 Solo albums (Incanto, Aliento, Respiro)

concerts in Tel Aviv - Israel

Festival dei Due Mondi - Spoleto Italy,

Seoul and Incheon Jazzfestival - South Korea,

NYU - New York, University - U.S.A.

Sorbonne auditorium - Abu Dhabi,

Palazzo Metternich - Vienna - Austria

Italian Embassy in New Delhi - India,

Thèatrè dès Variètes - Montecarlo - Monaco.

Art of Whistling Method

ELENA SHORT BIO

2 documentaries / live concerts on Italian Tv Channel
CLASSICA HD - SKY in 2020 -2021. "Art as Whistling"

& "Il Suono Proibito" - The Forbidden sound -

CLASSICA HD - SKY in 2022 -2023.

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and Ebow specialist, worldwide tours,
collaborations and recordings with:
Morgan Ågren, Pat Mastelotto,
Bernhard Wöstheinrich,
NeaCo, Giovanni Imparato.

EBow Guitar Method

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6 solo cds official composer for Universal
publishing, flippermusic, addictive tracks
matchmusic, 3 solo cds in 2022-2023
(Aulicusclassics) on all streaming
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in 2024 Mats is preparing 2 new albums

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