

IL VOLO



They may only be in their twenties, but the voices of the Italian tenors **IL VOLO** ("The Flight") transcend well beyond their years. Today the trio is one of the biggest names in classical crossover "popera" worldwide with a sound that combines traditional opera, pop, and classical symphonic music.

Formed in 2009, IL VOLO features the vocal talents of **Piero Barone**, **Ignazio Boschett** and **Gianluca Ginoble**. The award-winning pop opera group, who perform in English, Italian and Spanish, were discovered by renowned manager, Michele Torpedine, who is regarded worldwide as the man who discovered the great Italian tenor, **Andrea Bocelli**.

The members of IL VOLO were in their mid-teens when they first appeared as individual contestants on *Ti Lascio una Canzone*, one of Italy's most popular musical variety shows. The producers were so impressed by their individual talents that they decided to ask them to join together to sing the Italian classic song, 'O Sole Mio.' IL VOLO was born and became wildly popular all over Europe. The trio proudly represented Italy on **Quincy Jones'** charity single 'We Are the World: 25 for Haiti' performing alongside superstars Celine Dion, Josh Groban and other notables. It became quickly clear that IL VOLO was unstoppable. The international spotlight quickly lit up for the group and in no time they found themselves signing a worldwide recording deal with Interscope Records/Universal Music Group as the first Italian artists ever to be signed to a U.S. label. The trio began to work on their debut album in Los Angeles, Rome, and London, where they recorded at Abbey Road Studios, joining a long list of iconic musicians who had worked there include The Beatles.

In November 2010, they released their self-titled debut album in Italy, **Il Volo**. The record quickly earned Platinum status. The collection featured a mix of standards, classic Italian songs and material penned by contemporary songwriters such as **Diane Warren**. The record debuted at number ten on the Billboard Top 200 chart, peaking at number six. On the heels of their great international success and impressive U.S. chart debut, the group was nominated for The Latin GRAMMY® Awards in two categories: 'Best New Artist' and 'Best Pop Album by a Duo or Group.'

A new CD/DVD, **Il Volo Takes Flight: Live From The Detroit Opera House** arrived in February 2012, followed closely by their highly anticipated second studio album, **We Are Love**, in November. In 2013, IL VOLO returned with the holiday-themed CD, **Buon Natale: The Christmas Album**. A live DVD, **Live from the Fillmore Miami Beach at Jackie Gleason Theatre**, accompanied the release.

In 2014, the group was honoured with their first Billboard Latin Music Award in the category of 'Latin Pop Albums Artist of the Year, Duo or Group,' for their album **Il Volo**, which they had previously received a nomination in 2013. They also embarked on a 15 city U.S. tour.

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While touring, the group released their next EP, **Sanremo Grande Amore**, in early 2015. This featured the single 'Grande Amore' and six Italian pop tune covers. That September, a concert DVD, **Live From Pompeii**, arrived, followed by the full-length album, **Grande Amore**. This album featured a blend of original songs as well as classics. The record became an international success in Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Belgium, and the United States.

Next, they won the Sanremo Music Festival in Italy as well as the Eurovision Song Contest in 2015. IL VOLO's album sales went 3X Platinum in Italy and they sold out their tour which culminated with the magnificent concert-event at the Arena di Verona. The trio debuted tracks from the international release **L'Amore Si Muove** which also became certified 2x Platinum in Italy. In January of 2016 they launched a 35-city tour in the U.S., followed by dates in Europe and Latin America.

In just a few years, IL VOLO have continued to astonish audiences all over the world with their vocal talent and stage presence becoming worldwide multi-platinum recording artists. The success of their critically acclaimed PBS TV Specials resulted in touring with legendary songstress Barbra Streisand and performing across the world's greatest stages. They have appeared on major television programs including *The Tonight Show*, *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *The Talk*, *American Idol*, *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, *The Rachael Ray Show*, *The Daytime Emmy Awards*, as well as appearing in the final episode of HBO's smash hit series *Entourage*.

Now, IL VOLO is set to pay homage to their biggest inspiration, **The Three Tenors** with **Una Notte Magica – Tributo ai Tre Tenori**, a spectacular concert, filmed in Florence, at Italy's famed Piazza di Santa Croce. This is an incredible stunning display of talent features the incomparable **Plácido Domingo**, one of the original Three Tenors. **Una Notte Magica – Tributo ai Tre Tenori**, will be released on CD/DVD by Sony Music Masterworks on September 30, 2016.