

Bossa Banda

Bossa Banda is a Zagreb-based female vocal ensemble and performs Brazilian music. Their repertoire is an interesting array of bossa nova standards, samba and Brazilian popular music also known as MPB. So far, they have performed across Croatia, Slovenia and Austria. Out of their innumerable gigs they always point out Summer in Stross (Zagreb) as the festival they always gladly come back to, and the Hvar Summer Festival 2018 which was a special challenge for them. The recent Days of the Brazilian Culture, done in collaboration with the Ethnographic Museum and the Brazilian Embassy in Zagreb, definitely made it to their top 3 experiences, since it marked a beginning of the new era: holding samba and bossa nova singing workshops, which brought these genres to a wider audience.

Although the ensemble was founded in 2010, the serious turn in their work started to happen end of 2015 when they brought in a new music director: Marco Antonio da Costa, a Vienna-based Brazilian jazz guitar player, composer and songwriter. He brings a dash of novelty to the Bossa Banda repertoire, setting challenging harmonies and vocal percussion as a standard. To meet these requirements, in 2017 Bossa Banda started working with the renowned Croatian jazz singer and vocal coach, Lela Kaplowitz, which brought their work to a whole new level. They are five truly unique voices made whole by their accompanying band: Marco Antonio da Costa Trio. Besides outstanding Marco on the guitar and vocals, there are also the well known Croatian bass player Zvonimir Šestak and Slovenian world



music percussionist Žiga Šercer.

The band has in the recent years acquired a rich repertoire and making an album was the most natural and most logical next step. They started recording at the end of 2018 and besides Trio there will be guest musicians: Brazilian Vienna-based musicians Henrique Pacheco on the bass, Matheus Jardim on the drums and Fagner Wesley on the piano, and the Croatian Zagreb-based jazz singer Lela Kaplowitz.

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