

MUSIKANTE PRESENTS

Simona Trentacoste

Special Quartet

Vocal jazz from Sicily. Personal interpretations, shared improvisation and a quartet built on listening.

Simona Trentacoste · voice
Angelo Di Leonforte · piano
Riccardo Grosso · double bass
Antonio Petralia · drums

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The quartet

A Sicilian vocal ensemble shaped by the jazz tradition



Simona Trentacoste Special Quartet · Troina

A voice-led conversation between four Sicilian musicians. Simona Trentacoste Special Quartet pairs the intimacy of jazz singing with the flexibility of a piano trio, reworking the international standard repertoire through personal phrasing, responsive accompaniment and collective improvisation. The programme moves through swing, ballads, Latin jazz and bossa nova. Familiar songs are approached as living material: the melody remains a point of connection while timing, harmony and the exchange between musicians shape each performance.

VOICE

Simona Trentacoste

Palermo-born singer and songwriter, trained in jazz singing at the conservatories of Palermo and Trapani, graduating with honours and special distinction. A finalist at the Premio Nazionale delle Arti (2014) and Premio Internazionale Massimo Urbani (2019), she has sung with the Orchestra Sinfonica Siciliana and in a vocal ensemble with Noa at Teatro Massimo. In 2023 she recorded ‘Moody’s Mood for Love’ with Mario Biondi for Crooning Undercover.

PIANO

Angelo Di Leonforte

Pianist, composer, arranger and educator, professionally active in jazz since 2001. He graduated with honours in jazz piano in Palermo and developed his practice through studies with Fred Hersch, Barry Harris and Steve Swallow. His trio album This Too Will Pass (AlfaMusic, 2020) features his original compositions. His performance work extends across Italy, Malta and the United States.

DOUBLE BASS

Riccardo Grosso

Bassist and double bassist from Caltagirone, with studies in Catania and at Saint Louis College of Music in Rome. His background spans electric bass, double bass and jazz improvisation. His collaborations include Francesco Cafiso, Stjepko Gut, Francesco Cusa and Giovanni Mazzarino. He won the Paolo Randazzo national jazz competition in 2015 with This Foolish Trio.

DRUMS

Antonio Petralia

Jazz drummer, composer and Musikante artistic director. He graduated in jazz drums and percussion at the Vincenzo Bellini Conservatory in Catania, with a thesis on Bill Evans. His musical development includes seminars with Stjepko Gut, Barry Harris, Salvatore Bonafede and Giovanni Mazzarino. He combines performance and composition with jazz production and international cultural partnerships.

Hear the quartet

Live recordings, selected appearances and professional contacts



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My Funny Valentine

Recorded at Sile Jazz in Quarto d’Altino, 2025. An introduction to the quartet’s vocal phrasing and live interplay.

WATCH THE LIVE PERFORMANCE

Artist page, videos & press materials

MORE LIVE RECORDINGS

You Don’t Know What Love Is	Raye / De Paul
Bewitched	Richard Rodgers
But Not for Me	George Gershwin
With Every Breath I Take	Cy Coleman

SELECTED APPEARANCES

2026	**Teatro Agricantus**	Palermo, Italy
2025	**Sile Jazz**	Quarto d’Altino, Italy
2025	**Sala Laudamo**	Messina, Italy
2024	**Tirana Jazz Festival**	Tirana, Albania
2023	**Jazz Visions**	Bagnolo Piemonte, Italy

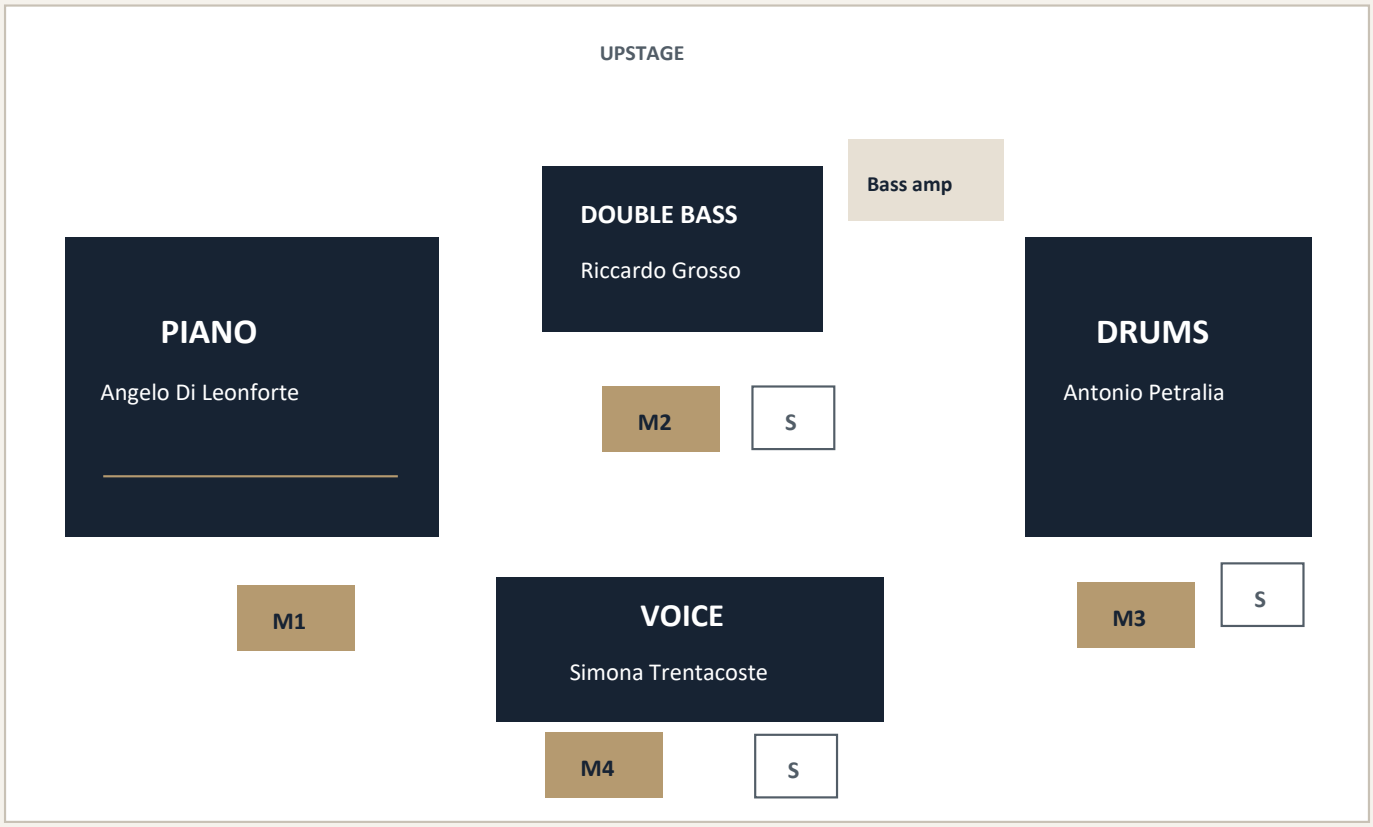
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Stage plan & production

Four musicians · Audience view · Not to scale



M1–M4 Monitor positions S Music stands

PRODUCTION AT A GLANCE

Ensemble	Voice, piano, double bass and drums
Monitoring	Four monitor positions, one for each performer
Accessories	Three music stands; bass amplification
Piano / drums	Positions shown above; instrument specifications by agreement

The layout follows the quartet's supplied stage plot. Microphone and DI inputs, monitor routing, backline models, stage dimensions, set length and soundcheck schedule are confirmed with Musikante during the production advance.

Technical advance: booking@musikante.eu