

Mario Di Pasquale: An Italian Singer-Songwriter in Vilnius

Mario Di Pasquale, a name that resonates with passion and authenticity in the Lithuanian music scene, is an Italian singer-songwriter who chose Vilnius as his artistic home. His music—a vibrant bridge between Italy and Lithuania—carries the Mediterranean soul and the melodic rich tradition of Italian songwriting, winning the hearts of an ever-growing audience.

From Italian Origins to the Lithuanian Music Scene

Born in Pisa, Italy, to a Neapolitan family, Mario cultivated a deep passion for music from a young age. His warm, captivating voice, combined with an innate ability to convey emotions, soon led him to perform on stages across numerous Italian venues. He initially studied electric bass before moving on to guitar and pop vocal technique.

In Italy, he played in renowned Tuscan venues such as *Mississippi* in Livorno and the *Insomnia* club in Ponsacco. He also boasts two appearances with the band *Arsenico* on the famous 1990s TV show *Roxy Bar*, hosted by Red Ronnie, appearing in the same episodes alongside prominent Italian artists such as Stadio, Saturnino, Nuova Compagnia di Canto Popolare (NCCP), and Daniele Silvestri.

Destiny later brought him to Vilnius, where he decided to move for various reasons. In Lithuania, Mario found fertile ground for his art, a welcoming audience, and the opportunity to express his creativity without limits.

A Versatile Repertoire and a Cultural Bridge

Mario Di Pasquale's repertoire is a journey through the great classics of Italian and international song—ranging from tracks by Francesco De Gregori, Pino Daniele, Toquinho and Vinícius de Moraes, Bruno Martino, Lucio Dalla, and many others, to engaging Neapolitan melodies, blending in shades of blues, jazz, and folk. His musical versatility makes him a unique interpreter, capable of moving a diverse audience.

Through his music, Mario has become a true ambassador of Italian culture in Lithuania. His concerts are moments of encounter and cultural exchange, where Italians and Lithuanians come together to celebrate the beauty of music and the strength of the bonds connecting the two countries.

In Lithuania, he has collaborated with prominent local artists and composers, such as the late Algirdas Klova and maestro Kęstutis Kuzmickas, as well as folk groups including *Raskila*, *Noragas*, *Ryna*, *Muzikantai iš pa Utenas*, and *Sadučiai*.

He has performed at major national and international music festivals, such as *Griežynė*, *Skamba skamba kankliai*, and *Pirmoji banga*. In 2023, a documentary dedicated to him was featured in the TV series *Lietuviškai* and broadcast on the Lithuanian national network *Lietuvos Rytas TV*.

In Italy, in 2024, he was a guest on the Tuscan television network *Telegranducato* on the program *Arcobaleno*, hosted by Valeria Tognotti, where he presented several of his new songs, including the single *"Il Valzer degli Addii"*. The track, distributed across all major

streaming platforms (Spotify, Amazon Music, YouTube Music, Apple Music, etc.), features renowned jazz guitarist Alessio Menconi.

In 2025, together with his wife Rasa, he presented the project "*Neapoliečių dainos: poezija ir muzika*" ("Neapolitan Songs: Poetry and Music"), a Neapolitan music concert featuring songs ranging from the 16th century to the present day. During the performance, audiences could read real-time Lithuanian translations of the lyrics, translated by Rasa Di Pasquale.

"*Neapoliečių dainos: poezija ir muzika*" was performed in numerous venues, including the Italian Embassy in Vilnius, Vytautas Magnus University (VDU) in Kaunas, and the Palanga summer branch of the *Lietuvos nacionalinė Martyno Mažvydo biblioteka* (Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania)—the latter hosted under the patronage of the Italian Cultural Institute in Vilnius.

In 2026, Mario released his album "*UN ATTIMO DI SMARRIMENTO*", consisting of ten original tracks written and composed entirely by him, recorded between Pisa and Vilnius. Internationally acclaimed musicians collaborated on the album, including jazz guitarist Alessio Menconi.

Also in 2026, as part of the *Kauno literatūros savaitė* festival, Mario performed a selection of Neapolitan songs alongside internationally renowned Neapolitan author Viola Ardone.

In Conclusion

Mario Di Pasquale is a clear example of how music can transcend borders and bring people together. His story serves as an inspiration to anyone wishing to follow their dreams and share their art with the world.

