



"It is an explosion of musical energy quickly escaping any rigidly formulated canons and interpretations."

"The music of VOLOSI is inimitable and incomparable. It is a great achievement nowadays to create something uniquely fresh and original"

Musical Cracow

"This CD is a monument not only in the realm of Polish music, but also in the whole Eastern Europe."

I listen to it...

„Lyrical, exciting and adventurous music..."

Songlines

"A string quintet of astonishing virtuosity, Volosi create a magical and accessible blend of classicism and traditional Carpathian folk music, underpinned with melody and melancholy and the flavour of eastern Europe."

World Music Charts Europe

„It's sparkling, full-blooded and glorious-toned, a heart-lifting surge of brilliantly-played, slithering, thrilling, scampering, surging, sobbing fiddles and chugging bowed bass."

fRoots Magazine

"Talent, fantasy and craftsmanship of the five musicians gave us something that we will greatly long for (...) joy of life and a slight jest about common pomposities, as well as a lot of sentiment for plain human yearning for happiness."

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VOŁOSI is one of the most prominent ensembles in the Polish world music scene.

Their debut at The **New Tradition Festival** in 2010 yielded all possible awards. One year later their piece "Dusk" won **Svetozar Stracina Grand Prix** at The European Broadcasting Union in Bratislava, named the best European folk composition in 2011. In 2012 their CD ranked among the top in the **World Music Charts Europe**.

VOŁOSI and their music reach far beyond the folk music category. Its essence is the energy of remote musical worlds colliding. Crossing boundaries is part of the show. Traditional musicians meet classical instrumentalists and travel along, reaching the unheard before. Their music derives from the tradition only partly. Rather, they are people immersed in tradition, creating a totally new quality. It was the same story when jazz was born.

Even though their music sounds familiar, it really is entirely original and inimitable.

Here is what they say about playing together:

"Remembering something that we have forgotten is the root of our music making. It is a primeval joy of conversing with sounds. It is something that truly moves us and puts us into a trance. Purely sensual feeling, fun with rhythm, sounds, harmony and echoes. We love this trance."

Since their debut **VOŁOSI** performed internationally during many concerts, festivals and events. Their concert tours in **Germany, Denmark, Georgia, Ukraine, and Belarus** have been received enthusiastically by critics and the public.

They performed for country leaders of **Poland, Netherlands, Belgium, Hungary, Latvia, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Ukraine**.

Their concerts were live broadcasted by **Polish Radio 2, Polish Radio 3 and Westdeutscher Rundfunk 3**.

FESTIVALS:

TFF Rudolstadt, Songlines Encounters in London, **Berlinale, United Islands** in Prague, **Stockholm Fringe Festival, Colours of Ostrava, EBU Festival** in Opatia, **Cross Culture** in Warsaw, **ArtPole** in Ukraine, **ArtGene** in Tbilisi, **Polish Colours, Two Riversides, Spoiwa Kultury, FolkBaltica** in Flensburg, **ArtZona** in Tbilisi, **Globaltica World Cultures Festival, Folk Holidays, Ancient Trance Festival, Szczecin Tennis Festival, Transkaukazja, One Caucasus, Musicalia** in Stosdorf, **Chanterelle, Bronisław Huberman Festival, Elvermose Koncerter, Ethno Jazz Festival, AUKSO Summer Academy**

AWARDS:

2010 - New Tradition Festival in Warsaw: Grand Prix, Czesław Niemen Award, Golden Fiddle, Applause Storm,

2011 - European Broadcasting Union **„Svetozar Stracina Grand Prix”** in Bratislava for the piece „Dusk”

2012 - CD **VOŁOSI** in **TOP20 World Music Charts Europe**