

ITALIAN WOMEN IN JAZZ

FESTIVAL LINE-UP:

Friday February 1st , Blue Note, 131 W 3rd st, 8pm and 10:30pm shows:

MARIA PIA DE VITO QUARTET: Maria Pia De Vito is considered the most outstanding jazz singer in Italy. Her career spans for over twenty years and includes dozens of important recordings. Her latest project, "*So Right*", dedicated to the music of Joni Mitchell, will be released in US just before her performance at the Festival: This will be her first concert ever as band leader in New York.

Band line-up: Maria Pia De Vito – vocals
Edward Simon - piano
Scott Colley - bass
Clarence Penn – drums

Saturday February 2nd, Blue Note, 8pm and 10:30pm shows:

ROBERTA GAMBARINI with Her Trio & special guest Ada

Rovatti on saxophone: Roberta Gambarini was born in Turin, Italy. She moved to US only eight years ago, where she started an amazing career. Today she is one the brightest stars among the jazz singers. She received a Grammy Nomination in 2007 for her first album "*So in Love*". She performs everywhere in the world and the jazz critics of DownBeat magazine voted her in the 2007 poll as n° 1 Rising Star among the female jazz vocalists.

Band line-up: Roberta Gambarini – vocals
Gerald Clayton – piano
Willie Jones The 3rd - drums
TBA - bass
Guest: Ada Rovatti - sax

Sunday February 3rd, Blue Note, 8pm and 10:30pm shows:

THE BIG O ORCHESTRA: This all-stars female Big Band has been created by producer Enzo Capua for the 2nd edition of the Festival (2006). Due to the amazing success of this special italian-american band, the Big O Orchestra will perform at Blue Note with a brand new repertoire of original compositions. The Big Band is the core of the "Italian Women in Jazz": It is the ultimate musical expression of an ideal connection between the two continents. That's why it is an

Orchestra with a big O in the name. All musicians have been selected among the best Italian and American instrumentalists living in New York. The Big Band conductor and arranger is the Maestro Tommaso Vittorini .

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Music charge per person: \$ 30 table + \$ 5 min. / \$ 20 at the bar

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