

ENZO AVITABILE

Origin: Italy
Style: Primal barrel rhythms in a hi-energy mix
 blending jazz, world music and ancient
 Southern Italian vocal styles
Record Label: Il Manifesto (Italy)
Current Album: Festa Farina & Forca (2008)
Touring Party: 18 (on stage) +5 or 14 (on stage) +3
On Tour: all year 2011
Territory: Germany, Austria
Booker: Moritz Rosin



“What an incredible, infectious, booming sound of celebration...” *BBC Radio 3*

Enzo Avitabile brings musical worlds together. The Saxophone player combines Jazz sounds with the threatening beats of the “Bottari” – traditional South-Italian drummers who’s first historical appearance date back to the 14th century, using empty wine barrels as percussion instruments. These sometimes enormous barrels create a unique, highly energetic and driving pulse, impressively supporting Enzo’s Blues and Jazz compositions – without the use of synthesizers or the like.

With this project, the Neapolitan has created a musical adventure second to none. The first album “Save The World” (2004) instantly sprang to **number two of the World Music charts**, featuring special performances by World Music stars such as **KHALED, MANU DIBANGO, AMINA, or HUGH MASELA**, adding an extra Arabic and African flair to the record.

He continued his impressive run by releasing his spectacular second album “**Fest Farina & Forca**” which had a lock on the World Music Charts for months. Not only critics, promoters and visitors are completely excited by him, but also the WOMEX jury who invited him to an official **WOMEX SHOWCASE 2008!**

Enzo Avitabile, who already released his first solo album in 1982, has a remarkable fan base. Cooperation with world stars such as **Tina Turner, James Brown or Randy Crawford** and numerous awards and international acknowledgements such as **3 nominations for the BBC WORLD MUSIC AWARD** in the last few years are proof though, that Enzo’s fame goes well beyond the borders of Italy.

European audiences were able to witness this project’s enormous live qualities between 2005 and 2008 at renowned festivals like **Roskilde, Sziget, Colours of Ostrava, Musicas Do Mundo, Stimmen Lörrach** and many others. In Summer 2007 a row of terrific festival appearances in Germany / Austria such as Kulturzelt (Kassel), Zeltival (Karlsruhe), Kultursommer (Oldenburg) and the Wiesen-Jazz Festival (Vienna) followed. On Sziget Festival Enzo even performed 3 times between 2006 and 2008, 2006 with a special project featuring **MANU DIBANGO**.

After the breathtaking Showcase at WOMEX 2008 and a successful Europe tour, stages will have the Neapolitan mastermind and his Bottari back with his wonderful live program. Under the lead of Enzo Avitabile, they are sure to rock Festivals in 2011 again!



ENZO AVITABILE & BOTTARI

“Every so often in world music a sound comes along that knocks you sideways, for it has almost no reference to anything that you have heard before. Enzo Avitabile has made such an album.” *The Times*

“Fantastic band - irresistible energy - probably the best performance at this year’s womad...”
BBC Radio 3