

### **Work & Song album quotes:**

“The verve and nuance of the performances are stunning.”

- Jon Worley

*Aiding & abetting*

“The recording is both a historical document and a musical achievement”

- Fra noi magazine

Alla Boara creates soundscapes from history that you can live in today.

- Cleveland Classical

### **Le Tre Sorelle album quotes:**

“This music is spirited, romantic, and ultimately refreshing. The combination of jazz and folk elements give it a very special quality that makes you want to listen again and again.”

- John Raymond, Trumpeter, Associate Professor in Jazz Studies at Indiana University Bloomington

You feel like you're taking part in an evening of songs of the caravan on this evocative release. - JAZZ WEEKLY “George Harris”

Le Tre Sorelle, a graceful, charming and stylish recording that uses traditional folk melodies as a jumping off point. - All About Jazz “John Chacona”

“An all-round successful concept album that translates old folk songs into a contemporary sound language with joy.” - Georg Waßmuth - jazz critic

...if the band has an Italian heart, it has a modern-jazz mind that incorporates advanced harmonies, shifting rhythms, high-wire soloing and complex structures.

- All About Jazz “John Chacona”

Although Italian folk songs provide the fodder for this project, Taddeo and crew further the tradition of inclusion by bringing in other influences. There is also a sagacious balance between written sections and improvisation.

- All About Jazz - Chris Hovan

Le Tre Sorrelle is a stunning collection of Italian Folksongs with a twist. On this adventuresome collection of re-imaginings, Alla Boara takes a deep dive into the world of these treasured songs, breathing new possibilities into timeless stories while weaving in limitless and unexpected musical flavors.

- Becca Stevens

### **ARTICLES:**

"[Alla Boara's] more modern rendition of Italian folk music has created a new sense of cultural awareness and respect for a tradition passed down from generations of old."

"It bridges the divide between native and first-generation ancestors to the current descendants..."

"Taddeo's work participates in the evolving hybridity of Italian-American life that is enjoyed by both young and old alike..."

- *New Frontiers*

"(a) deep, immersive and powerful experience"

"like a journey that takes you in and makes you forget where you are"

- *The Jambar*

"Historical preservation and top-notch musicianship"

- *Cleveland Magazine*

### **Student's quotes:**

Alla Boara was a major hit for Cloverleaf! I received these adorable comments from students and thought they'd make you smile:

"I went home and told my Alexa to play Italian music."

"That was the second best thing that happened in my life." (The first best thing was riding a dolphin.)

"It was really fun and I like how we got to join them to make music!"

"I like how the dynamics changed from forte to piano."

"I really like the one we did for practice, the call and response song."

"It was one of the best bands I've seen before."

"That was the only band I've seen before."

## **VENUES/ORGANIZATIONS:**

### TUESDAY MUSICAL

Longer:

From start to finish, Alla Boara was a presenter's dream and wonderful addition to our 2022 summer concert series. From the beginning, they responded immediately and professionally to every communication from us. And, they graciously helped to promote their performances through creative social media posts. (As a result of the latter, we acquired many new concert goers!)

On concert day, Alla Boara delighted our large audience with their talent and engaging presentation. They obviously gave lots of thought to making their program perfect for our needs. And, throughout, they were fun and fabulous! We look forward to working with them again.

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- Tuesday Musical

or

Cynthia Snider, Executive Director, Tuesday Musical

### KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

"Alla Boara brought our audience a truly authentic Italian evening from which we're still hearing rave reviews. Exceptionally easy to work with, professional, brilliant musicianship and highly engaging with the audience."

- Kent State University

/ David Mitchell PAC Kent

#### RIVER RAISIN CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

"We loved having Alla Boara at the River Raisin Centre for the Arts. The band was terrific to work with, they have a fantastic group sound, and our students enjoyed their collaboration. Pure class!" - Claire Bechard, River Raisin Centre for the Arts

#### CHAMBER MUSIC PITTSBURGH

"Alla Boara are one-of-a-kind and very, very special. I can't say enough good things about them. Everything was world-class -- the beautiful songs, the genius arrangements, and the incredible, joyous performances. Not only that, but they couldn't have been easier to work with, at our outdoor venue that didn't even offer dressing rooms. Bellissimi!"

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- Martha Bonta, Chamber Music Pittsburgh

#### QUAD CITY ARTS:

- Personable, professional, and very talented.
- Excellent prepared materials that we could share in advance of the residency.
- Gorgeous public performance that was a hit with our community and the concert host.
- Their dedication and enthusiasm for their work is clearly apparent.
- They enchanted both our student and adult audiences, inviting them on a journey of traditional Italian music through the lens of jazz and modern music.
- They worked well with the many audiences served by our community residency. They engaged students and channeled their youthful energy into singing and clapping along as they learned about the stories behind the music. The adult community audiences were absolutely treated to a trip to Italy with music, stories, and cultural knowledge.

- Quad City Arts

or

- Margot Day Performing Arts Director Quad City Arts

## **Audience Quotes:**

"For me, Alla Boara's Bop Stop recording sessions were as delicious as tiramisu and as heady as grappa!"

"We love the unique way Alla Boara incorporates history, culture and jazz!"

"This band and this music is unique, creative, and immensely fun. What a great idea, and what a great accomplishment."

"Impressive, intriguing..music & style!..it awakens my senses..bringing me to my native Italy and a vanishing nostalgic past!"

"That this Cleveland group celebrates such astonishingly beautiful, joyous and heart-achingly pertinent to the immigrant experience music is a gift."

"Alla Boara has inspired me to delve more into the music that represented American steel workers. I am Italian-American, and your music brought my grandmother to tears as she remembered my great great-grandmother cooking to Italian music."

"This music is stellar, modern, genre-breaking stuff. The evening was an enlivening performance that went far beyond my expectations. I thought I'd be hearing some charming Italian folksongs, and what I got was so much more: from rock to jazz to a lyrical lullaby, the energy of the performers was captivating through every arrangement and the history of the songs and their profound connection to tradition truly moved me. A unique sound that touches on the human experiences that connect us all."