## CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ROMA DAY

## Imer Traja Brizani & Amala

Symphony orchestra and Big Band RTV Slovenia

**Conductor: Patrik Greblo** 



On Tuesday, April 9, The Group *Imer Traja Brizani & Amala* will perform a Grand concert commemorating The International Roma day along with *The Slovenia Radio television Symphony orchestra and Big Band*. The concert will be held in the Slovene main cultural center Cankarjev dom.

Imer Traja Brizani, internationally renowned musician, composer and multi-instrumentalist, born in Pristina, came to Slovenia in the eighties. He formed the bend Amala ("Friends" in

Roma language) who plays a unique combination of traditional gypsy music with jazz, fusion and Latin elements. The group has found its own unique style and has performed at many renowned festivals at home and abroad. Brizani's Amala brings a new approach to ethno music, combining traditional gipsy sounds with jazz elements. Mixing contemporary orchestrations with original gipsy instruments and vocals gives Amala's music a special vibe and definitely brings refreshment to the world's ethno music stage.

Since 2000 under Brizani's leadership Amala gives annual concerts to honor the International Roma day in the most prestige cultural center in Slovenia – Ljubljana's Cankarjev dom. There Amala played with many eminent artists such as queen of gypsy music Esma Redzepova, Chamber Orchestra Simfo, Jackie Marshall, Zdenka Kovačiček, Igor Krikunov, Titi Robin and many more.

This years' celebration of The International Roma day in Cankarjev dom is a big spectacle – a very special musical event not only for Amala, but for Roma music and Roma people as well. For the first time the bend will perform with the two most respected ensembles in Slovenia - The Slovenia Radio television Symphony orchestra and Big Band with almost 100 musicians on stage. The program will feature some traditional gypsy evergreens, adapted for two big classic and jazz orchestras, as well as some Brizani's compositions written especially for this occasion.

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