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Anyone who believed that the wonderful madness with which brass bands moved our hips, our hearts and our minds could only come from the Balkans or New Orleans had never heard any of the wild new Italian bandas.

For about 15 years, now young musicians in different parts of Italy have not only been taking up the concept of that creative social cooperative, the banda, but also updating, urbanising and globalising the music:

exciting and wild, passionate and dynamic, intense and humorous, dramatic and open-minded, altogether non-nationalist, sometimes sentimental.

**Banda Ionica** is at home in Sicily; the groups **Opa Cupa**, **BandAdriatica** and **Municipale Balcanica** come from the southern tip of Italy, Salento; **Banda Olifante** is from Romagna.

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