

**Antonio Testa**

Producer, musician, composer, percussionist, music therapist.

**EDUCATION AND CAREER PREPARATION**

Focused on environmental music: nature's sounds and tones and notation and scoring, theatrical music/movement, sounds/images. Researched ethnic sounds and instruments; studied tribal music.

**1978-1980**

lived intermittently in Paris (took first Jazz drum course at the Dante Agostini), London and Amsterdam.

**1980**

Jazz drum course with Professor Carlo Sola of the R.A.I. TV company in Milano.

**1981**

Drum course and percussion with Professor Italo Savoia of the La Scala in Milano.

**1984-1989**

Took many music teaching seminaries (Orff, Bianchi, Belgrano, Munari methods: sound/image relationships, Goitre, Kodály, Bassi, Agazzi, Montessori theories).

**1987**

Music Didactics diploma earned at C.E.M.B.(Centro Educazione Musicale di Base [Basic Music Education]) three-year course sponsored by the Regione Lombardia (Lombard Region of Italy)

**1989**

Music Therapy diploma earned after two-year course sponsored by the Regione Lombardia. (Lombard Region of Italy)

**PROFESSIONAL ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE**

**1980**

Started music career playing with a percussion group directed by Italo Savoia.

**1987**

Teamed up with composer, Carlo Mariani, in putting on "ARLECCHINO", a musical shown at the San Fedele Theatre.

**1988**

Worked with SPAZIO MIMO as percussionist musician in their theatrical animation laboratories, Directed musical interpretation of pantomime "Su la Maschera" (Off with Your Mask) show (1988), "La Natura in Maschera" (Masked Nature) (1989) "Zanni e Dintorni" (Zanni and Thereabouts)

**1990-1993**

Founded Group W.D.X.

Worked incessantly with first reggae group, the W.D.X

Performances and Gigs

At social centers and disco clubs, at the Olympic Stadium in Roma twice on the SIM HI-FI stage, as finalists in the Antenna 3 television music contest, as guests on various television and radio programs 1991 to 1993 Songwriter Lele Gaudi's band was the W.D.X. on the national BLACK OUT tour, were supporting performers for the Jamaican artists, Jimmy Cliff, Yellowman, and Wailers....etc...

**RECORDINGS**

cd " I dieci Peccati" w.d.x band produced by W.d.x and Antonio Testa

Album "GAUDIUM MAGNUM" by Gaudi published by (Polygram)

Videos "Magari" by Gaudi (If Only!..)

**1992****PERFORMANCES AND GIGS**

Forlimpopoli - "ART PRIMITIVE SOUND" conducted by Walter Maioli at the Seventh Popular Music Festival.

Amalfi - a scenery and sound meeting.

Valcamonica - a "Tribal and Prehistoric Art" symposium.

Toirano caves - "Prehistoric Music" concerts.

Milano's Matiz Gallery - "Sound and Motion with Feathers" concerts.

**1993**

Trip to Jamaica early in the year to research reggae origins many interviews with local media to discuss the reggae situation in Italy meetings with musicians and specialists.

**PERFORMANCES AND GIGS** in Italy

Vigevano - played with Art Primitive Sound in the castle.

Imperia - at the Orti Imperia Gallery.

Valcomonica - during the "Symbol and Myth" symposium.

Bologna - for the RAI TV stations displayed musical instruments made of simple materials found in nature at the Orto Botanico, the botanical gardens.

**1994****RECORDINGS**

Borgio Verezzi caves -Video and recordings with Walter Maioli "STONE AGE" (PoligramPolidor).

Formed the TOTOUCHE acoustic trio for environmental/ethnic music with Touchè Moreno and Daniel Sanchez.

Trio Performances and gigs:

Bologna - at the Casa Ecologica – scenery by SANA.

Gambelotta - at the ARTEINFABBRICA review.

Reggio Emilia - at the Research and Music Use in the Social Scene.

Marina Spadafora's Fashion Show.

The acoustic rendering was combined with Totouche's version of the New Age style that has contaminated tribal and Afro-Caraibic rhythms with new musical styles

Roma - collaboration with Eraldo Bernocchi e Petulia Mattioli to plan ASHES, a music/image production shown at the Circolo degli Artisti.

Villalitta - Acoustic Music Review with Tudo Dia.

Guest appearance at the Italian Cordatesa rock group showcase.

### **1995**

Arranged the sound track for the Anidride Carbonica "A Question Mark in our Future" **documentary** (La Quaglia Vola – 1995) audio visual produced for the C.N.R., C.E.S.I. and I.A.T.A.

### PERFORMANCES AND GIGS

Milano - "Teatro e Musica" review in the Parco Sempione

Guest at the Italian rock singer Massimo Priverio's showcase.

Worked with the Canto Sospeso chorus in Miriam Makeba's "Missa Luba".

Milano - At the Iceberg Uomo '96 Fashion Show" in the Magazzini Generali area.

### SOUNDTRAKS

Plan the sound track for Laura Quaglia's "Profili" short.

### RECORDINGS

"Senza Tempo nel Tempo" (No Time in Time) ethnic ritual style CD for the (ExperimenTribe records) presented at the:

New Zimba for "Musica and Natura", Firenze - at the Ecologia '95 show, Lecco - 2nd Edition of "Lecco Sotto le Stelle" (Lecco Under the Stars) , Radio Atlanta – Therapy Art meeting Valle Camonica 1 Symposium 1995 "Arte, Preistorica e Tribale" with myths, symbols and reminiscences, Sala Wagner auditorium "Musica e altra Musica"

### **1996**

### SOUNDTRAKS FOR THEATRICAL SHOWS

for "Macondo", a rewrite, in collaboration with Richard Fuks, of the opera by G. Garcia Marquez for "Un Posto al Mondo" in collaboration with R. Fuks

Theatrical Workshop in collaboration with Mamaudou Diome of school of Peter Brook at the S. Umanitaria.

PERFORMANCES AND GIGS

Padova - "Gli Spiriti della Terra e della Palude" at the Padova botanical gardens in conjunction with the Psychology of Development and Socialization Department for their Art Psychology Day.

"Miti e Segni" at the COE "Barzio" meeting

Bonate Sotto ethnic music review

Assago Centro Congressi for Les Nouvelles Esthetiques '96

**1997**

SOUND TRACKS

For shows "E Luna e Sole e Stelle" (And Moon and Sun and Stars) and "Un Posto al Mondo" (A Place in the World) at the Società Umanitaria.

COLLABORATION

Composer and singer, Marco Ferradini on his '96/97 tour

Actor, Giuseppe Cederna for the sound interpretation of "Poesie sulla resistenza". (Existence Poetry)

Song writer and singer, Serafino on his 1997 tour. Recorded for his album along with Claudio Bisio, Paolo Rossi, Franca Rame

The Quartiere Latino for latest album and Roxy Bar transmission.

**1998**

Paola De Vera D'Aragona at the Riza Psicosomatica "Danza Therapy" meeting.

The Regione Piemonte for the preparation of the CD Sound Map of the Marcarolo Park.

The Comune di Varese, the ethnic music review "Il Sacro nella World Music".

PERFORMANCES AND GIGS

Locarno "Musica e natura" at the Locarno Ticino theatre.

Sondrio "Senza tempo nel tempo" at the nature fair in Sondrio.

Brescia "Senza tempo nel tempo" at the contamination Festival at Brescia Music Art.

Milano "Gli Spiriti della Notte" (Nocturne Spirits) at the Porta Romana Gallery.

Milano "Frontiere" concerto with Claudio Rocchi at the Castello Sforzesco

**1999**

RECORDINGS

USA -"Healing Herb's Spirit" CD with "Alodie" for Activities Crowd Control.

Stalagmite, part of "Senza Tempo nel Tempo" in Gaudi's Earthbound, (Antenna Record).

PERFORMANCES AND GIGS

“Senza Tempo nel Tempo” with Touchè Moreno for the “MOTOROLA” show.

“Note per la Pace” (Sounds of Peace) musical at the Teatro Smeraldo.

Directed music and sound track for the “Materie e Movimento”.

show Varese - Organized, with the Prisma Association, the Afro-Brazilian review.

## **2000**

### **PERFORMANCES AND GIGS**

Drum and base with Gaudì at the Roxy Bar, Goa in Roma, in Mestre, at M. Generali in Milano.

London - Stoned Asia with DJ Pathann and Gaudi – London.

### **RECORDINGS**

**CD Book Sac Bè** for the ExperimenTribe Mexico – sounds and songs of some Mayan peoples. (ExperimenTribe Records)

### **REPORTING**

Africa: “Burkina Faso” ethno-music and sights – “Music within Pictures”. Researched with photographer E. Labriola, [www.enricolabriola.com](http://www.enricolabriola.com)

### **PUBLICATION**

“Giocare con I Suoni” (Playing with Sound) book on music didactics a musical instrument construction, edited by BMG/Ricordi-Alpha Centauri.

## **2001**

### **RECORDINGS**

#### **Produce and record:**

Andria - “Manifestazione per la Pace Ecologica” (Ecologic Peace Show JAPAN -“Okagura Shinto Shrine Gran Benzaiten of Tenkawa”).(ExperimenTribe record)

### **PERFORMANCE**

Alcatraz Milano – the F. Muller show with DJ Joey Skye and Susana Beatriz.

## **2002**

### **RECORDING**

USA – “Prayer for the Forest” with Alodie and the (Greenhousemusic Records).

### **PERFORMANCES AND GIGS**

Imola at the Chillout Zone – live with the DJ Set group for the Heineken Jammin Festival and with DJ Joey Skye and Jazzanova.

Radio Monte Carlo – with DJ Christian Saavedra at Malua.

Milano - S. Umanitaria, – popular Latin American music with Susana Beatriz.

Milano - show and lecture “La Musica della Natura” at libraries and theatres.

Dj set with DJ Otto and Stefano Noferini directed by Cafè Solaire.

### WORKSHOP

London at the 20th Century Theatre - Integrity in Dissolution Yoga and Healing sounds workshop with Lara Baumann.

### SOUND TRACKS

Arranger for the theatrical show “Come una Lumaca Arrivò sulla Luna” (How a Snail Arrived on the Moon) and “Che ci faccio qui?” (What am I Doing Here)? – at the S. Umanitaria.

## **2003**

### COMPOSITION

Rome - music for the video by Yosuke Taki, presented at the “Sur-face” (on the threshold) Japanese art.

### WORKSHOPS

London - Integrity in Dissolution 2&3 Yoga and Healing Sounds workshops with Lara Baumann.

### PERFORMANCES AND GIGS

Brescia - “Ecosphere” ethnic/ambient music at the Museo di Scienza.

London - Ambient Music with Gaudi at Psychedelic Dream Temple - and at Breathing Space 2003.

Elba Island - House and Chillout music with Marco Fullone of Radio Monte Carlo.

Pozzuoli-Napoli - Chill and Ambient Music dj set with Massimo Passante at the “Veronica”.

## **2004**

### SOUND TRACKS

Arranged tracks for “Che ci faccio io qui? (What am I Doing Here?)” theatrical show.

“Il Palloncino Volò, Volò” (The Balloon Flew and Flew)

“Il Bosco di Gulubu” (The Gulubu Forest) directed by Ricardo Fuks at the S. Umanitaria – Milano

### **PROJECT MANAGER**

“Atmosfere del Mondo”, “World Atmospheres” - musical at the Leon D’Oro.

DJ Ecoalchemist for various events.

Sardegna - Play with DJ Marco Fullone of Radio Monte Carlo at Forte Village.

Milano - Cloisters of S. Umanitaria – Concert of popular songs with Susan Beatriz Alvear.

### RECORDINGS

- with Gaudi Tribalove, CD “Bass, Sweat and Tears” from Gaudi’s (Interchill Record)

- CD “Primitive Sound” **music for film for (Raitrade)** with Tiziano Carfora e Stefano Torossi

### PERFORMANCES AND GIGS

Milano - dj set with Bruno Bolla and Pepe Ragonese at the adidas show.

London - with Gaudi’s Sound Laboratory for the Turaya and Antiworld Festival at the Alexandra Palace London.

Roma - Elemental Concert with Gaudi and M. Moglia at the Colosseum for the “Notte Bianca” (sleepless night) all night event.

DJ Ecoalchemist for various events.

Catania at Le Ciminiere ..“Senza Tempo nel Tempo” (No Time in Time) at the “Earthmatters” photographic show by Roberta Tudisco.

### **EXHIBITIONS**

Milano at S. Umanitaria – “Il Canto della Terra” (Earth’s Song) musical instruments Acoustic Ecology theme show/laboratory.

## **2005**

### SOUND TRACK ARRANGER

Milano - S. Umanitaria “La Farfalla Ballerina e il Bosco di Gulubu” (The Butterfly Ballerina and the Gulubu Forest”, theatrical show directed by Ricardo Fuks.

### PERFORMANCES AND GIGS

Concerts with Gaudi: London – Glade Festival - Italy - Rototom Sunsplash - Napoli at the “Gold Bar” Italy - Catania Italy at the “Bellatrix”.

Palermo - Kals Art premiere with Ambient and Chill Out music.

France - collaboration with Map for performance on musical instruments.

Trapani - Ambient music for the “2005 Louis Vuitton ACC Championship” award

ceremony.

London- lauch party of Continuum with Gaudi at venue Underbelly.

Italy- dj set Pescara at the Negril

### RECORDINGS

Italy - "Subterranean Dream" with Tito Rinsi for (Kutmusic Italhouse).

Russia - cd "Radioforest" cd with (Tantric Harmonics Records).

France - "Sunset" for the "Albedo" compilation by Nova for (Ultimae Records).

United Kingdom - "Continuum" cd by Antonio Testa & Gaudi produced by Gaudi for Em:t records.

"Tribalove" for the "Sanctuary" compilation – (Interchill Records) 2005. with Gaudi, taken from Gaudi's album "Bass, Sweat & Tears".

### COMPOSITION

London - "The Quantum Method of Yoga and Healing Sounds"" music for "Birds" cd by Lara Baumann/Antonio Testa. Produced and music by Antonio Testa (ExperimenTribe records) Presented at Triyoga and at the Yoga show in London.

## **2006**

### EXHIBITIONS

Milano at S. Umanitaria – "Il Canto della Terra" (Earth's Song) musical instruments Acoustic Ecology theme show/laboratory.

### SOUND TRACK ARRANGE

Milano - S. Umanitaria "La Farfalla Ballerina e il Bosco di Gulubu" (The Butterfly Ballerina and the Gulubu Forest", theatrical show directed by Ricardo Fuks.

### RECORDINGS

Canada " Pachamama" for the "Gathering the tribe" compilation for (Interchill Records).

Japan "Lumumba" for the "Future Sound Theories" compilation mixed by Mattb (Celestial Dragon).

Italy " Rapanui" and "Seeland" for the "Ecosystem" compilation (Mare service).

PERFORMANCES AND GIGS

Italy "Cormano" (Milano) with dj Bob Alessi.

Italy "Bolsena" (Roma) Ecosphere project at Sonica festival.

Ireland "Dublin" with Gaudi Continuum concert at eletric picnic festival.

**2007**

EXHIBITIONS

Milano at S. Umanitaria – "Il Canto della Terra" (Earth's Song) musical instruments  
Acoustic Ecology theme show/laboratory.

RECORDINGS

Russia - " Inframundis " cd with Faria Records.

France - "Little Science"" for the "Oxycanta" with M. Piazza compilation by Mahiane for  
(Ultimae Records).

Italy - "Druerme nino" for the "Grembo Armonico" compilation by Filippo Massara (Ludi  
Sound).

PERFORMANCES AND GIGS

Italy "La Spezia" Ecosphere project live at Sonica festival.

**2008**

EXHIBITIONS

Milano at S. Umanitaria – "Il Canto della Terra" (Earth's Song) musical instruments  
Acoustic Ecology theme show/laboratory.

RECORDINGS

Italy - "Ecosphere cd by Antonio Testa & Susana Beatriz Alvear" ExperimenTribe  
records

Italy - "Little Science" for the "Tiakuraka" cd with M. Piazza (Bravo music)

Italy - "Reve" for the "Pigmei - Etabe" compilation (Mila)

Canada - " Tribal Love" with Gaudi for the **film "Fierce Light: When Spirit Meets  
Action"** Director by Velcrow Ripper.

PERFORMANCES AND GIGS

London Live dub with Gaudi project at Glade festival.

**2009**

EXHIBITIONS

Rome at Reloaded festival – “Il Canto della Terra” (Earth’s Song) musical instruments  
Acoustic Ecology theme show/laboratory.

RECORDINGS

London Tv/e - Arranged the sound track take from album To Burkina for the **Film/**  
**documentary "Grace Under Fire"** produced and director by Bruno Sorrentino.

PERFORMANCES AND GIGS

London Live with Susana Beatriz Alvear "Ecopher project" at Glade festival.

Rome- Stage manager and Dj set at festival Reloaded Sonica.

**SOUNDRACK FOR FILMS AND DOCUMENTARIES:**

1995 Italy-Usa - Arranged the sound track for the Anidride Carbonica "A Question Mark  
in our Future" documentary (La Quaglia Vola – 1995) audio visual produced for the  
C.N.R., C.E.S.I. and I.A.T.A.

2004 Italy - CD “Primitive Sound” music for film for (Raitrade) with Tiziano Carfora e  
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**SOUND REPORTER:**

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**EXHIBITIONS:**

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2004-2006-2007-2008-Milano at S. Umanitaria – “Il Canto della Terra” (Earth’s Song) musical instruments Acoustic Ecology theme show/laboratory.

2009-Rome at Reloaded festival – “Il Canto della Terra” (Earth’s Song) musical instruments Acoustic Ecology theme show/laboratory.

**RADIO:**

Radio Popolare di Milano, Verona, Bologna - Radio Meneghina - Controradio - Radio Cosmo - Radio RSE San Bonifacio - Radio 101 CNR - (Radio Waves - Radio Klass F.M. 89 - IRIE FM Giamaica) Radio Vaticana - Radio RAI 1 - Radio RAI 2 - Radio RAI 3 (Radio Rai 2 Svizzera) - (Radio Capital) - Radio DeeJay - RMC - BBC one London.

**TV:**

RAI 1 - RAI 2 - RAI 3 - VIDEOMUSIC - ITALIA 1 - ANTENNA 3 - TELENNOVA - VIDEOCLIP- ROXY BAR - HELP TMC- SKY TV. MTV. BBC ONE London – Tv/e London.

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