

THE STRAWBOYS



Whatever their origin—likely linked to the rural traditions of western Ireland—the "straw boys" are a rather enigmatic presence. They are young men who show up uninvited to wedding celebrations, dance with the newlyweds, and then disappear as quickly as they came. They wear straw hats which, if generously welcomed by the families of the bride and groom, are later burned as a sign of gratitude; otherwise, they are thrown into the branches of trees, a symbolic gesture denouncing the lack of hospitality received.

Just like their Irish counterparts, **The Strawboys** are a band that appears out of nowhere. Despite being a recent formation, they consist of highly experienced musicians, ready to take you on an immersive journey, capturing the authentic and vibrant essence of Ireland with their performances.

Francesco, active since the 1990s with the Irish music band **Inis Fail**, has performed hundreds of concerts throughout Italy and abroad. Daniele, on the other hand, has an intense career with **The Bandaronians**, averaging over 60 performances a year. Lastly, Lorenzo brings his international experience from successful projects like **Uncle Bard & the Dirty Bastards** and **Gadan**. Together, they decided to form **The Strawboys**, debuting in 2022 at "Spirit de Milan," a venue in Milan and a reference point to Irish music and dance. The group quickly gained recognition, earning invitations to many renowned Irish music festivals.

They later joined forces with the dance company Celtic Roses, led by dancers Perla Davide and Letizia Perin, both of whom have over ten years of experience in Irish dance.

Francesco Bettoni: Guitar, Bouzouki

Daniele Bicego: Uilleann Pipes, Irish Flute

Lorenzo Testa: Tenor Banjo, Mandolin, Vocals

Perla Davide, Letizia Perin: Irish Dance

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