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Biography

SeiOttavi is a six piece a cappella group from Palermo, Italy. Their repertoire covers all genres, instrumental and vocal, with the addition of mouth drumming/beat boxing.

Since their foundation in 2005, *SeiOttavi* have attracted large audiences with their original repertoire and style. Concert programmes include: *Seven Voices through centuries* (2005), *Il muto canta a cappella* (2006-2007), *Around the world* (2008-2009), *Cinematica* (2009) and *VocalMente* (2011).

In the summer of 2007 their first album was released. "In Onda" contains original arrangements and the first unpublished song was promoted during the TV show *Matinée-Rai Due* (2nd channel). In the spring of 2010 they released their second album "Cinematica". The album was published by Casa Musicale Sonzogno and took its inspiration from their theatre show of the same name, produced by Marco De Conno. The multimedia show featured some of the most important soundtracks ever written for the wide screen rearranged for voices.

In the summer of 2010 *SeiOttavi* were invited to partake in the opera project "Mons Regalis-L'opera del duomo" and the subsequent CD recording.

In 2007 the group won the first "SoleVoci Competition" (vocal group category). The prestigious jury headed by Kirby Shaw awarded *SeiOttavi* 'Best piece' and 'Best Artistic Programme' which was awarded for the most innovative and interesting artistic programme.

They won the Golden Diploma in Jazz music category and Silver diploma in the Pop music category at the prestigious International competition Vokal Total in Graz (Austria). In 2010 they took 2nd place in Jazz/Pop section of the XIV edition of the T.I.M. (Music International Tournament).

SeiOttavi perform regularly on TV and radio programmes all over Italy including "W radio Due"(Fiorello-Baldini) and "Scatole cinesi" both on RAI Radio 2 and "Notturmo Italiano" on Radio RAI International.

In 2008 they were launched into the public conscience after taking part in the first ever Italian X Factor on Rai 2. They took part in nine live TV shows, which saw them bring acappella music to the wider viewing public in Italy.

SeiOttavi pay particular attention to their training. In July 2007 they took part in the SoleVoci Camp in Cortina d'Ampezzo, attending masterclasses and workshops given by The Swingle Singers, Matthias Becker, Mary Setrakian, Andrea Rodini, Kevin Fox and many others important trainers.

The Artistic direction is overseen by Julie Kench, former soprano of The Swingle Singers.

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Alice Sparti, soprano

Lucia Caminita, mezzosoprano

Giuliana Di Liberto, alto

Kristian Andrew Thomas Cipolla, tenor and mouth-drumming

Vincenzo Gannuscio, baritone

Massimo Sigillò Massara, bass

Julie Kench, art director

Carlo Gargano, sound engineer