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“MUSIC IS AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE:” MARCO CALLIARI

The Wisconsin Union Theater presents Marco Calliari at the Sett, Union South, on Thursday, April 3 at 8PM. More information is available by calling the Box Office at 608-265-ARTS (2787). Tickets are: $22 General Public, $19 Wisconsin Union Member, UW-Madison Faculty & Staff, and Non UW-Madison Student (with ID), and $10 for UW-Madison Student (with ID). Youth tickets are $14 with the purchase of an adult ticket (limit 2 per adult) for this special Family Savings Event. All prices subject to change. Buy your tickets early by purchasing online, calling the Box Office at 608-265-ARTS (2787), or purchasing in person at the Campus Arts Ticketing box office in Vilas Hall.
Born in Québec to Italian immigrant parents, Marco Calliari believes that music is “an international language” – a philosophy that clearly shines through in his eclectic work. At 14, Calliari co-founded the trash metal band *Anonymus*, eventually switching gears in 2003 to pursue a solo career that would mix the raucous energy of his metal days with a debonair gypsy-funk swing. Since then, Calliari has won the CBC Galaxy Award, recorded four albums, and performed around the world, including at the Wisconsin Union Theater's own Madison World Music Festival in 2011.

Although Calliari embraces his Italian heritage through the style and language of his music, the singer/songwriter also remains true to his Canadian roots. His album *Mi Ricordo* (I Remember) is a collection of Québécois songs translated into Italian, and Calliari describes it as an homage to the great Canadian artists who influenced him. His band performed in the first two editions of Ritalfest, a festival celebrating Italian music in Canada. A man of many interests, Calliari has also composed for film and even starred in independent horror movies – often playing the villain, an unlikely role for a man whose personality is as warm and energetic as his songs.

Great things happen when music crosses cultural borders – and Marco Calliari is right there to lead the way. Come to the Sett on April 3 and just try to stay off the dance floor!

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