



*"You gotta love the Blues to play the Blues. Marco Pandolfi is deep in love with the Blues - you can tell that by the way He plays.*

*He's great now and He's keeping the Blues alive. That is the REAL BLUES"*

**PAUL OSCHER**

*"Marco Pandolfi is a rising star of Blues Harmonica. He is the italian ambassador to the Chicago Blues Harmonica tradition and He speaks that blues language fluently"*

**BOB CORRITORE**

*"Marco Pandolfi is a great harp player!"*

**BLUES REVUE magazine (USA)**

*"Marco is one of the top blues harmonica player in Europe"*

**RICHARD RAY FARRELL**

*"... a world class bluesman" - COLORADO BLUES SOCIETY*

Marco Pandolfi's presence on the Italian Blues scene goes back more than twenty years. He has been playing in the most important events on the peninsula, winning the respect of the greatest Blues Musicians in Italy and abroad.

His performances and his recordings have been reviewed by the most authoritative magazines such as: Il Blues, Blues Revue, Soul Bag, Blues Britain Magazine...

His music is played on radio programs around the world (B.B. King's Bluesville-XM radio USA, King Biscuit Time-Helena AK, WWOZ New Orleans, WEFT Radio-Champaign, Illinois and more). Twice at the **INTERNATIONAL BLUES CHALLENGE** in **Memphis, TN (USA)**: in 2006 with his band Marco Pandolfi & the Jacknives (representing Roots and Blues Association of Parma) and in 2011 in the category solo/duo (representing MOJO STATION, Roma).

He won the italian final for the **EUROPEAN BLUES CHALLENGE** representing Italy on april 11&12 2014 in Riga (Latvia).

Pandolfi has performed with many notable artists such as **Richard Ray Farrell, Paul Oscher, Bob Margolin, Harvey Brooks, Preston Hubbard, Enrico Crivellaro, Bob Corritore, Willie King, Tom Walbank, David Lee Durham, Luca Giordano, Paul Cox, King Edward, Maurizio Pugno, Bill Howl-N-Madd Perry, Mickey Rogers, Umberto Porcaro, Greg Izor, Nico Duportal, Roberto Luti, Abdell B Bop** among others.

Besides being a critically acclaimed harmonica player Marco is performing as a bandleader playing guitar and harmonica at the same time.

Marco has also played in Europe and the United States in a variety of clubs, such as : The Rhythm Room, Phoenix AZ; Groundzero, Clarksdale MS and BB's in Saint Louis MO, and has

participated in important International Blues Festival: Freedom Creek Blues Festival-Alabama; Rosedale Blues Festival-Mississippi; DeltaBlues, Narcao Blues -Italy; Rapperswil, St. Gallen, Blues To Bop-Switzerland; Darlington Blues Festival-UK...).

In 2008 He was the only European musician invited to the third **Delta Groove All Star Blues Revue** held at the Groundzero in **Clarksdale, Mississippi** and the special guest at the 2nd **Rocky Mountain Harp Blowdown** in Denver, Colorado (the previous year was the turn of Billy Branch and the following was R.J. Mischo).  
He was the international guest at the **Way Of Blues Revue** in Jackson, Mississippi.

On February 2011, after an outstanding world-wide tour as Blues Harmonica solo player, Pandolfi returned to the **International Blues Challenge** in Memphis in the category solo/duo representing Mojo Station (Rome, Italy) surprising the Beale Street IBC goers with a stunning guitar, harmonica and voice repertoire in the purest Spirit of Low-Down Blues.

February 2012; on the CD "**Close The Bottle When You're Done**" (2012) Marco sings, plays harmonica and guitar.

In may-june 2012 He played **Simi Valley Cajun & Blues Festival (California) with The Mannish Boys** sharing the stage with **James Cotton, Paul Oscher, Kim Wilson, Bob Corritore, Mud Morganfield, Bob Margolin, Junior Watson, Alex Schultz** and more.  
He also played Chicago Blues Festival and Bentonia Blues Festival (Mississippi).

March 2014: "**No Dog In This Hunt**". 11 new tracks (7 originals by Marco Pandolfi) and the guitar of Enrico Crivellaro as special guest on two songs.

April 2016: NEW CD OUT... "**LIVE**", recorded live at Arci Tom, Mantova (Italy).

During 2015 and 2016 Marco Pandolfi kept touring in Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, France, Germany, USA.

April 2017: italian tour with Nico Duportal

June 2017: "**Homemade Wine**" - new duo CD from Greg Izor & Marco Pandolfi. Recorded live in studio in Austin, TX US.

July 2017: Marco Pandolfi at BLIUZO NAKTYS festival, for the first time in Lithuania.

Marco Pandolfi is always touring in Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, France, Germany and USA.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- INTERNATIONAL BLUES CHALLENGE 2006, Memphis TN – US (band category) - Top Seller CD at International Blues Challenge 2006
- DELTA GROOVE ALL STAR BLUES REVUE, Clarksdale MS – US
- 2nd ROCKY MOUNTAIN HARP BLOWDOWN 2008, Denver CO – US
- WAY OF BLUES REVUE 2008 Jackson MS - US
- INTERNATIONAL BLUES CHALLENGE 2011, Memphis TN – US (solo category)
- SIMI VALLEY CAJUN & BLUES FESTIVAL, California – US
- CHICAGO BLUES FESTIVAL 2012, Chicago IL – US
- FREEDOM CREEK BLUES FESTIVAL 2012, Alabama – US
- JUNIOR WELLS MEMORIAL SHOW, London UK
- SIERRE BLUES FESTIVAL, Switzerland
- EUROPEAN BLUES CHALLENGE 2014, Riga (LATVIA)
- VACHE DE BLUES, France
- AMSTERDAM HARMONICA MEETUP, NL
- LUGANO BLUES TO BOP, Switzerland
- GRAN GALA EUROPEAN BLUES CHALLENGE 2016
- BLUES'N'JAZZ RAPPERSWIL, Switzerland
- DELTABLUES FESTIVAL, IT
- ROSEDALE BLUES FESTIVAL, Mississippi US
- CODSTOCK BLUES FESTIVAL - Norway

- SUMMER BLUES BASEL, Switzerland
- NARCAO BLUES FESTIVAL, IT
- BLUES & BBQ, Germany
- Tour in Austin, TX (USA) 2017... and recording session for the CD "Homemade Wine" by Greg Izor and Marco Pandolfi
- BLIUZO NAKTYS Festival - Lithuania
- Tour in France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Spain, Norway, UK, Netherlands...

## **DISCOGRAPHY**

**HOMEMADE WINE** (2017) - Greg Izor & Marco Pandolfi -Recorded live at Homefront Studios - Austin, TX USA

**LIVE** (2016) - Marco Pandolfi

**NO DOG IN THIS HUNT** (2014) - Marco Pandolfi

**DONE CLOSE THE BOTTLE WHEN YOU'RE** (2012) - Marco Pandolfi - Nomination Best Self Produced CD Blues Foundation USA

**STUCK ON THE BLUES** (2007) Richard Ray Farrell & Marco Pandolfi - Blue Beet Record (USA)

n.25 Living Blues Charts (USA) - 38 consecutive weeks in the Roots Music Report Charts (USA)

**TOO MANY WAYS** (2006) - Marco Pandolfi & the Jacknives - Nomination Best Self Produced CD - Blues Foundation (USA)

**STEP BACK BABY** (2004)- Marco Pandolfi & the Jacknives - Top Seller CD all'IBC 2006 Memphis, TN (USA)

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