

L'ITALIEN (5:54)

MON HOMMAGE À SERGE REGGIANI

WITH MARCEL LOEFFLER AND DANIEL DURRER



L'ITALIEN WILL BE RELEASED ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025!

The third single from the 18th Philipp Fankhauser album **AIN'T THAT SOMETHING** (release March 7, 2025) is not a typical blues song at first listen. However, Philipp Fankhauser sings this famous French chanson with such soulful fervor that the unique magical feeling of the blues inevitably overwhelms you. Listen carefully!

Why is Fankhauser singing in French now? Philipp answers: *"In the late 1960s, my mother discovered the beauty of the south of France and from then on I spent many summer months with her in Provence. First in a tent in the Camargue, but a little later she rented a disused mill in Fontvieille, just a few kilometers outside of the beautiful town Arles".*

*"My mother was positively infatuated with the chansonniers of the sixties: Jacques Brel, Georges Brassens, Georges Moustaki, Gilbert Bécaud, Charles Aznavour, to mention just a few. Above all, however, she loved the songs of the Italo-Frenchman **SERGE REGGIANI**. Reggiani's "L'italien" played practically non-stop on the cassette player during almost endless trips through the Provence country in mom's ancient Citroën Deux Chevaux!"*

Serge Reggiani was literally Philipp's first contact with "serious" music, and he sang along enthusiastically. He has never forgotten the song and has made repeated attempts to record it himself over the last twenty years. Now, finally, in the recording studio in Limoux in the south of France (a few kilometers from Carcassonne), he has succeeded. He was inspired not only by the location, but also by his incredibly talented and outstanding fellow musicians.

"There is probably no song that they would shy away from," says Fankhauser. "It's fascinating how quickly and with what ease and naturalness they "touch" a song and make it their own in no time at all!"

THE MUSICIANS

PHILIPP FANKHAUSER Vocals **HENDRIX ACKLE** Piano **RICHARD SPOONER** Drums
ANDREW J. TOLMAN Bass **DANIEL DURRER** Clarinet **FLO BAUER** Guitar **MARCEL LOEFFLER** Accordion

THE VIDEO

On his way home in early August 2024 from the recording studio in Limoux back to Switzerland, Philipp Fankhauser made a stopover 250 km to the north-east in Fontvieille, the place where he had spent so many wonderful months as a young boy over fifty years ago. The mayor gave permission to be photographed and filmed at and around "his" Moulin by Swiss photographer and music lover **UELI FREY**. As always with Philipp, Trevor the pug!

Richard Spooner then combined the most beautiful images and films from Fontvieille with those from the studio period in Limoux and the farewell dinner in the old town of Arles to create a wonderful musical film. In monochrome, of course, as a tribute to one of the greats of French chanson and a celebrated actor of "film noir": **SERGE REGGIANI**



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: DANIEL DURRER, FLO BAUER, KENT BRUCE, HENDRIX ACKLE, RICHARD SPOONER, SABINE ZIEGLER, PHILIPP FANKHAUSER, NICK SMITH, ANDY TOLMAN.

INFO BOX

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