

# DOMINIC MANCUSO

Singer | Songwriter | Producer



*"Dominic Mancuso has made me shed tears from the sheer beauty and emotions of his voice. He brings a joy to sorrow and a light to darkness. Sub Urban Gypsy is a beautiful recording with great arrangements and the best of the best, in regards to the musicians. Hurry up and record again!"*

**- Jeff Coffin (3x Grammy Award Winner | Dave Mathews Band)**

After 25 years committed to a vision influenced by his culturally diverse world, singer, songwriter, and producer Dominic Mancuso sits at the table with the 21st century and the global village. His resume takes in several CDs, as well as several written scores for television, film and theatre performances, numerous artistic collaborations, and a great number of live shows in Canada and abroad; including: **The Road to the Lemon Grove** (directed by Dale Hildebrand) and **The Colossal Failure of a Modern Relationship** (directed by Sergio Navarretta), the **MANCUSO<sup>2</sup>** Project (a collaboration with artist Vince Mancuso, since 2000); **CANTABILE**, with the acclaimed **Art of Time Ensemble**; music score for **Canada's Rugged Coastal Line**, a Readers Digest documentary DVD (Good Earth Productions); music score for David Rocco's: **Amalfi Coast Getaway**; Musical Director and Featured Vocalist in the theatrical production, **TARANTELLA** -9 shows at La Mama E.T.C. in New York City and 9 shows at The University of Toronto; to name but a few.

In 2010 Dominic Mancuso made history for Italians in Canada. His record, ***Comfortably Mine***, won a Juno Award for World Music Album of The Year. A first for a record sung entirely in Italian or various dialects of the republic. Later also garnering him a Canadian Folk Music Award for World Music Artist of the Year.

Following ***Comfortably Mine***, Mancuso returns with **Dominic Mancuso Group (DMG)**;

comprising of some of Toronto's best musicians; a core group sound that drives his multi-lingual compositions towards the very essence of a world culture. His desire to perpetuate the chemistry of the group and embrace its wandering spirit was captured on the ***Sub Urban Gypsy*** (2014) recording.

Dominic is a strong member of the international community, always contributing new and exciting projects to the cultural landscape. Representing multicultural Canada within a major European Research Project called **PERFORMIGRATIONS: People Are the Territory**; his evolving musical explorations deeply embedded in his Canadian multicultural roots, are considered of great interest in Europe and especially in Southern Europe, where diversity is a growing reality often confronting large and small communities in dramatic ways.

Collaboration has always intrigued Mancuso - fueling his artistic vision! Mancuso continues in this trajectory by teaming up with Italian renowned pianist-arranger, Vittorio Mezza. The new release, **Dances In My Mind** (2020), pushes DMG and a chamber ensemble towards a soulful blend of singer-songwriter meets classical and jazz. Rich and cinematic in scope, the result is clearly an adult contemporary body of work.

*“Dominic Mancuso is one of the most distinctive voices in music. He is a paramount storyteller; a premier griot of these times. He wails with the best. He cries the blues from the depths of his soul — bringing great measures of duende to the music. His Juno Awarded Comfortably Mine is a rare album indeed, quite simply one of a kind.”* - **Raul da Gama, All That Jazz**