



The Italian Cantastorie

The Art of the Cantastorie

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Cantastorie are first of all poets, Composers of verses who are inspired by all aspects of history both distant and recent.

These compositions, whether storie or ballate, if we want to use the storyteller's terms,... are then put to music and sung in the piazza in front of a large, and heterogeneous audience. Often storytellers also produce their own records which are then sold during the shows. A storyteller is not only a writer of storie and ballate, a singer and musician, he is also a painter. The stories he creates and sings about are inspired by events... and portrayed in posters like the ones that you can see behind me providing the shows' visual background

It could be said that a cantastorie is a multimedia artist. This is briefly, the definition