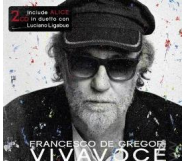


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CD1: 1. *Alice* 2. *Atlantide* 3. *Un guanto* 4. *La leva calcistica della classe '68* 5. *Niente da capire* 6. *Gambadilegno a Parigi* 7. *Finestre rotte* 8. *Generale* 9. *Il panorama di Betlemme* 10. *Renoir* 11. *Natale* 12. *Caterina* 13. *Vai in Africa Celestino* 14. *Battere e levare*

CD2:

1. *Il futuro* 2. *Il '56* 3. *La ragazza e la miniera* 4. *Il bandito e il campione* 5. *Buonanotte fiorellino* 6. *Santa Lucia* 7. *Il canto delle sirene* 8. *Stelutis alpinis* 9. *Titanic* 10. *La donna cannone* 11. *Viva l'Italia* 12. *La storia* 13. *Per le strade di Roma* 14. *Fiorellino # 12&35*

Born in 1951 in Rome, singer/songwriter Francesco De Gregori grew up listening to and being inspired by American musicians Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen as well as Italian artist Fabrizio De André. It was the latter who heard De Gregori recording songs at a famous studio in Rome, and was impressed enough to begin helping the young singer. In 1972, after De Gregori signed to IT, Theorius Campus, an LP with Antonello Venditti, was released. Unfortunately, critics were unimpressed with the album, a sentiment that continued through De Gregori's 1973 solo debut, *Alice Non Lo Sa*, and its 1974 self-titled follow-up. Success finally came with the next year's *Rimmel*, which showed off the musician's maturing, reflective, and intelligent lyrics over musical help from Lucio Dalla, among others.

In 1976 *Bufalo Bill* was released, but while touring in Milan in 1977, De Gregori was verbally attacked by a group of extreme left-wingers who accused the artist of encouraging capitalism and selling out. Leaving the stage in tears, he stopped recording, choosing to work instead as a bookseller, but in 1978 he returned to the Italian music world with *De Gregori*, an album that included "Generale," a track that would become among his most beloved and one which the composer felt was too good to not present to the public. A tour with Dalla and a then-unknown Ron produced the 1979 album *Banana Republic*. The next 15 years saw the release of a handful of new studio records, including the 1982 masterpiece *Titanic* and 1992's *Canzoni d'Amore*.

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After spending the next few years as a journalist for the newspaper L'Unità, De Gregori, who was nicknamed "Il Principe," or "The Prince," for his introverted, sometimes haughty manner of dealing with the press, came back to music with *Prendere e Lasciare* in 1996 and the critically acclaimed *Amore Nel Pomeriggio* in 2001. In 2002 he participated in a tour with Pino Daniele, Ron, and Fiorella Mannoia and also collaborated with folksinger Giovanna Marini on *Il Fischio del Vapore*, a collection of old Italian popular and protest songs. Three years later the rock-oriented *Pezzi* was released, and *Calypsos* came in 2006. --- Marisa Brown, Rovi

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