
Gruppo Folkorico I Nebrodi, folk troupe from Italy, to perform at Festa

Group hails from the Nebrodi Mountain region of Sicily

Gruppo Folkorico I Nebrodi, an acclaimed Italian folk group with an extensive international performance resume, is coming to Festa Italiana, Thursday, July 19 through Sunday, July 22. The group was founded in the Sicilian town of Ficcaro in the Nebrodi Mountain region in 1968.

Since 1971, Gruppo Folkorico I Nebrodi has performed across Europe, Asia and Africa. In recent years, the group visited Poland,

Uganda, Germany, Switzerland, Australia, Taiwan, Spain, Venezuela and Greece. Their engagement at Milwaukee's Festa Italiana marks their first in the United States since July 1996 and their first ever at Festa.

In its 33 years of existence, the group has made more than 2,000 appearances at fairs and festivals and in piazzas and meeting and convention centers in Italy. The group has also performed on Italian television and radio broadcasts.

The contingent of the 40-member group coming to Festa is expected to consist of 16 dancers and singers and eight musicians.

According to information provided to *The Italian Times*, the group's members wear typical Sicilian folk

costumes and perform popular Sicilian folk songs and dances, particularly arrangements representing the Nebrodi Mountain region.

Their songs are sung either in chorus or by soloists and speak of love, work, religion and emotions. The dancers perform tarantellas, polkas and other regional dances reflecting Sicilian folklore and customs.

Gruppo Folkorico I Nebrodi was founded to keep alive the folklore of the whole Nebrodi area and to popularize their folk songs, music and dances through performances in Italy and abroad.

The group's successful endeavor has led to the creation of a "Folk Study Center," featuring a collection of books and folk record library.
