

## **IL DIVO: LIVE AT THE GREEK**

The wildly popular ‘popera’ quartet Il Divo bring their sophisticated vocal stylings and cross-continental flair to PBS with a showcase of romantic, rich harmonies and heart-breaking ballads. These four charming, sexy, gorgeous, talented young men take well-known hits, both old and new, and turn them into masterpieces, transforming hit pop songs with a refined classical twist of new arrangements. Their well-trained operatic voices and the addition of lyrics in the Romance languages - French, Spanish and Italian – produce a sophisticated classical piece recognizable in its roots, but incomparable in its result.

The special was taped in June 2006 during Il Divo's first World Tour at the stunning Greek Theater in Los Angeles before a 5,000 capacity crowd. The concert is a glossy spectacular, with brilliant lighting, stunning sets and suave choreography.

All four members of Il Divo have an incredible musical pedigree. The group was selected after a world-wide search by the famously discerning “American Idol” judge Simon Cowell.

The set list for the concert features many of Il Divo's most recognizable and popular tracks including their interpretations of mainstream chart-toppers Toni Braxton’s “Unbreak My Heart,” “All By Myself” (a hit for both Eric Carmen and Celine Dion), Mariah Carey’s “Hero,” and The Righteous Brothers’ “Unchained Melody.” The emotional “Mama” will leave no maternal woman without a tear in her eye, and Sinatra’s “My Way” provides an unforgettable climax.

**IL DIVO: LIVE AT THE GREEK** was shot in high definition with 13 cameras by critically acclaimed Emmy and Grammy nominee Larry Jordan, whose prior credits include global superstars Elton John, David Bowie, Neil Diamond and Christina Aguilera.

### **Song List:**

Regresa a Mi (Unbreak My Heart)

Solo Otra Vez (All By Myself)

Passera

Nella Fantasia

I Believe In You

Senza Catene (Unchained Melody)

Si Tu Me Amas

Feelings

Mama

Hero

A Mi Manera (My Way)

Presented by WLIW New York. Executive Producer: Robin Wilson. Executive Producer for Syco Music: Sonny Takhar. Executive Producer for PBS: Roy A. Hammond. Director: Larry Jordan. Producer: Natalie Johns.

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## **About Il Divo:**

Since their chart-topping 2004 self-titled debut, Il Divo have broken all the rules and records, thrilling audiences around the world with breathtaking performances. They smashed Led Zeppelin's 25 year-old record of being the only band to achieve a number one album without a commercial single release! They have hit the number one slot in 13 countries and achieved top 5 placing in 25 countries.

**David Miller** is a tenor from the US with a BA in Vocal Performance and a Masters degree in Opera Theatre from the Oberlin Conservatory in Ohio.

Vox Populi, **Sebastien Izambard** is from France and the only self-taught singer in the group. An accomplished songwriter, he plays the guitar and piano and has produced for many other French artists.

**Urs Buhler**, a tenor from Switzerland began singing publicly at the age of 17 with Conspiracy, a hard rock band based in his home town of Luzern. He attended the Amsterdam Conservatory where he studied voice with Udo Reinemann, and later studied opera with the late Swedish tenor Gosta Winbergh and French tenor Christian Papis.

Baritone **Carlos Marin** is Spanish. Based in Madrid he established a considerable reputation as 'primo baritono' in many operas including La Traviata and La Boheme. A star of the opera scene for more than a decade, Carlos was the first to be signed up to Simon Cowell.

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