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The San Diego Italian Film Festival Presents **Peppe Voltarelli - Nov. 6**

San Diego, CA – Oct. 12, 2009. The San Diego Italian Film Festival presents Peppe Voltarelli in concert, November 6, at 10 p.m., at Caffè Calabria, 3933 University Ave., San Diego. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Italian Film Festival website: www.sandiegoitalianfilmfestival.com or at any of the Italian Film Festival movies, running now. The concert is part of the Italian Film Festival. The schedule for the movies can also be found on the website.

Actor, composer and musician, Peppe Voltarelli will be in San Diego as part of a Pan-American tour which includes performances in Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Mexico City, Los Angeles, Toronto, Montreal and New York. Voltarelli hails from the southern Italian region of Calabria. Voltarelli, principle movie actor in ***The real legend of Tony Vilar***, a San Diego Italian Film festival premiere on November 6 at the Birch North Park Theatre, will be in San Diego along with the film's Director Giuseppe Gagliardi to present the film. The Real Legend is a mockumentary about the search for real-life Argentine crooner star Tony Vilar, makes a fun musical tour searching for Italian roots. All three, Voltarelli, Gagliardi and Vilar are from Calabria.

Immediately following the movie, Voltarelli will perform at the intimate Caffè Calabria, two blocks from the theater. There are a limited number of places available for the performance. His performances throughout Europe have been to sold-out crowds, and his American tour is meeting the same enthusiastic audiences.

Peppe Voltarelli is a founding member of "Il Parto delle Nuvole Pesanti" (The Birth of the Heavy Clouds) one of Italy's seminal bands of the 1990's, whose style is a mix of rock and Calabrian folk traditions. Voltarelli frequently collaborates with other cutting edge Italian artists exploring similar mixes of old world and new world sounds, such as the German-born Italian raised Vinicio Capossela, Sicilian Roy Paci (Manu Chao) and Neopolitan Daniele Sepe. Voltarelli has twice been recognized as part of Italy's prestigious Tenco Prize celebrations.

Voltarelli also composed music and texts to a 2001 theatre piece on the work and life of Domenico Modugno, the multiple Grammy Award winning singer-songwriter who penned one of the most well known Italian popular songs in the world, "Volare" ("Nel blu dipinto di blu" being its Italian title). In 2003 Voltarelli traveled to Iraq to participate in a peace concert held in Baghdad's Palestine Hotel, and out of which came the documentary "Sotto il cielo di Baghdad" (Under the Baghdad Sky).

Off street parking is available in the parking structure two blocks south of the Caffè Calabria.

The San Diego Italian Film Festival is a non-profit 501c(3) organization dedicated to sharing Italian culture through film with San Diego Audiences. Italian films with English subtitles are screened throughout the year in a variety of venues. All films are open to the public. Please visit the website for full details, including addresses, start times, complete movie schedule and movie reviews.