

Ten Strings Duo

Violinist Marianatalia Ruscica and guitarist Davide Sciacca began their collaboration in 2012. Their intensive work together has led to an extended repertoire of classical works from the early 19th Century including Niccolò Paganini, Mauro Giuliani, Napoleon Coste and Francesco Molino as well as more contemporary pieces by composers such as Astor Piazzolla, Maximo Diego Pujol, Celso Machado, Laurent Boutros, Andrea Amici, Giuseppe Torrasi and Andrea Schiavo.

Their concerts are always warmly received by audiences and critics alike, having participated in classical music seasons arranged by prestigious music organisers to perform in theatres, concert halls, heritage sites and buildings.

Marianatalia and Davide won First Prize at the international *Giuseppe Ierna* competition, and also at the national Italian competitions AMA Calabria, the Città di Palermo, Alfio Pulvirenti and Magna Grecia.

The Ten Strings Duo has made numerous TV and Radio appearances in Italy, including an invitation they received from the Italian telecaster Globus Television channel. From 2014 they have appeared in the UK, playing at prestigious venues and on broadcast media, including locally Linda McDermott's late night show on BBC Radio Merseyside, Sandgrunder Radio, Colours and Made in Liverpool TV.

In 2016 and 2017 they performed in the presence of HM Queen Elizabeth II, HRH Prince Phillip, HRH The Prince of Wales, HRH The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and other members of the Royal Family.

In 2018 Ten Strings Duo debuted in the United States performing for Culture Connection in New York City.

They currently teach violin and guitar at Conservatoire in Caltanissetta and Caltagirone, and also in high schools, Sicily.