

# SIR OLIVER SKARDY & FAHRENHEIT 451

## *Piragna in Dub*

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On December 6 hits the shelves and digital stores ***Piragna in Dub*** (alma music / Venus Distribution) by **Sir Oliver Skardy & Fahrenheit 451**.

The CD, which was anticipated by ***Fuck the Piragna - Extra Dub Versions***, four unique versions for free download from the website of ***La Repubblica XL***, comes a year after the successful ***Piragna***, and is the result of the sound alchemies of **Paolo Baldini** (leader of the "crew" **Alambic Conspiracy**, bassist and co-producer of **Africa Unite**, producer of **Mellow Mood** and other important realities of the national reggae and dub scene), already in charge of mixing the previous album.

The cover is signed, once again (like ***Piragna*** and ***Fuck the Piragna***), by **Vauro** (legendary cartoonist of **Annozero**, **Servizio Pubblico** and **Male**). After having sung it, after having sent it to f..k off... we have eaten the piranha and we digest it with a good Venetian spritz.

*"The cover perfectly photographs the current historical and political Italian situation – points out **Sir Oliver Skardy** - in fact, we toast the fall of the government and we hope that of these piranhas are now left only the bones."*

**Paolo Baldini** has found out and emphasized recorded tracks of ***Piragna*** (guitars, keyboards, horns, choirs and vocals) difficult to detect in the complex mixes of the album, interweaving them with new rhythms and embellishing the work with the dub work: effects, echoes, delay, overdubs, etc...

A special feature of his sound research is in fact to resume **pre-digital era methodologies, and to act in real time**, through an analogue desk and analog effects on the different tracks, creating some unique and original takes by definition. So each version has its own peculiarities, sometimes dictated by inspiration but sometimes even by chance. The best resulting versions are therefore part of the album and of the exclusive initiative for ***La Repubblica XL***.

A result that has certainly satisfied the former frontman of **Pittura Freska**, triumphantly declaring: *"It is the finest record of dub ever made in Italy! **Paolo Baldini** has certainly the merit of discovering some dub sounds at the same high level of those of the more internationally famous dub. I'm really glad I found a musician really experienced in the genre, that can finally lead me through the musical territories I want to explore."*

To further enrich the songs, along with the hilarious **Sir Oliver Skardy** "stolen" speeches (ranging from comments on dub in ***Dub DJ***, on perfumes in ***Hipocrisy Dub*** and on studio sessions in ***Spritz Dub***), there are also some melodic lines completely revised or even brand new.

In ***Poor Rich Dub*** for example Ale Numa "**Baby**" (saxophonist and backing vocalist of **Fahrenheit 451**) has added and sung some lyrics he composed on the theme of the crisis: *"I dixi che 'intanto xe finia la crisi, ma nialtri ancora magnemo risi e bisì!"* as "catchphrase" on this unfortunate phase of our national life.

In ***Walking Dub*** instead there is another special guest: **Giorgis**, nickname of **Giorgio Ciatara**, another member of the band that backs **Skardy** live shows, which

has left his bass in the occasion, to sing some lyrics in a perfect "jamaican style."

To the new album has also participated **Pippoburro** (**Mellow Mood** keyboard player and **Alambic Conspiracy** partner) who has developed a truly compelling track **Mr. Bim Bum Dubstep**, as well as working on several songs with melodica and synths.

But the most important surprise is the thirteenth track, an unreleased song that found no room in the original *Piragna*, which opens the album: **Sarde in sàor**, which is inspired by a song of the Venetian popular tradition, dedicated to the life of fishermen and to the typical way of preparing the Venetian sardines in "sauce". In this "nayabinghi" version, to emphasize the intersection of two "roots", the Venetian and the Jamaican, the singing of **Sir Oliver Skardy** is supported by **Cantori di Burano** (impromptu band of ex-fishermen with a passion for singing ) and their soloist **Mario "Bebi" Bressanello**, thanks to the voices taken from their CD **Venezia Social Boat** (alma music / Nota).

**Paolo Baldini** was born in Pordenone, and is one of the founders of the reggae/dub band **B.R. Stylers**, which got appreciated since the very beginning by masters such as **Lee Perry**, **Neil Perch** of **Zion Train**, **Vibronics**, **Mad Professor**. Right during the mixing of the album **Dubbing from the Earth** of **B.R. Stylers**, Paolo worked closely with **Madaski** of **Africa Unite**, a collaboration that will see him shortly thereafter to join the Turin band as co-producer and bassist. Parallel to these two projects, and always with **Madaski** and **Papa Nico**, **Baldini** faces the challenge of another project **The dub sync**, a project with a strong sound and scenic impact.

The studio activities remained "settled down" in the province of Pordenone, where Paolo and his crew gave birth in 2006 to the dub production team **Alambic Conspiracy**, that in a few years became renowned for the artistic production signing projects of both brand new bands (**Mellow Mood**, **Dot Vibes**, **R. Esistence in Dub**), and of well-established realities in the upbeat music scene and not only in that (**Sir Oliver Skardy**, **Tre allegri ragazzi morti**).

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|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>1. 1.</b><br>Baldini - Rusca - Skardy 4.42              | <b><i>Sarde in sàor</i></b> (feat. <b>Cantori di Burano</b> ) |                     |
| <b>2. 2.</b><br>Baldini - Pettenello - Skardy 3.54         | <b><i>Afterwork Dub</i></b>                                   |                     |
| <b>3. 3.</b><br>Baldini - Manzo - Pettenello - Skardy 3.50 | <b><i>Spritz Dub (Melodica Version)</i></b>                   |                     |
| <b>4. 4.</b><br>Baldini - Skardy 3.37                      | <b><i>Pentito's Dub</i></b>                                   |                     |
| <b>5. 5.</b><br>Morelli - Skardy 4.12                      | <b><i>Piranhas Dub</i></b>                                    | Baldini -           |
| <b>6. 6.</b><br>- Duse - Manzo - Pettenello - Skardy 4.01  | <b><i>Walking Dub</i></b> (feat. <b>Giorgis</b> )             | Baldini - Ciatara   |
| <b>7. 7.</b><br>Skardy 3.59                                | <b><i>Dub DJ</i></b>                                          | Baldini - Morelli - |
| <b>8. 8.</b><br>Manzo - Morelli - Pettenello - Skardy 3.46 | <b><i>Deep Blue Pill Dub</i></b>                              | Baldini -           |
| <b>9. 9.</b><br>Pettenello - Skardy - Numa 3.53            | <b><i>Poor Rich Dub</i></b> (feat. <b>Baby</b> )              | Baldini -           |
| <b>10. 10.</b><br>Morelli - Skardy 3.23                    | <b><i>Radio Dubbing</i></b>                                   | Baldini -           |
| <b>11. 11.</b><br>Manzo - Skardy 3.51                      | <b><i>Hipocrisy Dub</i></b>                                   | Baldini -           |
| <b>12. 12.</b><br>Baldini - Skardy 5.04                    | <b><i>Honour Fi Dub</i></b>                                   |                     |
| <b>13. 13.</b><br>Buresta - Manzo - Skardy 5.13            | <b><i>Mr Bim Bum Dubstep</i></b>                              | Baldini -           |

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