

### **Mideando String Quintet 'Tutte le Direzioni'**

*The latest cd by the Mideando String Quintet, the band that won two years ago as 'number one European Bluegrass Band' at the EWOB-festival.*

*After the last cd 'Viaggio', this cd gives a new sound, also because of the addition of the violin, played by Alessandro Chiarelli. Also on bass there is a new member, Mirko Zanzarin. All together these new additions give the band a more acoustic sound.*

*The songs that the band have written themselves ask a bit more of the listener because they are sung in Italian, but the musical skills of these gentlemen are enough to make the music catching (if you would like to read the lyrics in English, then you can find them on the bands website [www.mideando.it](http://www.mideando.it)).*

*The covers on this cd, as there are for example 'You're the one that I want' & 'Video killed the Radio Star' are uplifting pop tunes that are completely made their own by the band because of the harmony singing and the impressive solo's. Mideando's version of 'Will the Circle be Unbroken' is a very nice and unexpected surprise, three new courses have been added that give the song a whole new angle of incidence. It takes courage to handle this 'golden oldie' like this.*

*On the former cd there was much accent on the ensemble playing of the mandolin and the bass, on 'Tutte le Direzioni' the mandolin and the violin attract attention. A good example of this is Mideando's version of 'Turkey in the Straw', the subtle melody seems to be somewhere between classical and bluegrass music.*

*The mandolin, played by Stefano Santangelo, clearly puts its mark on the music, he drives the rhythm on 'Ora Che' and decides the ambiance on '6 Agosto 1945' because of the deeper sounds of the octave mandolin.*

*The guitar playing (done by Fabiano Guidi Colombi) is beautiful, wonderful full, rich tones and strong rhythm accompaniment.*

*To go short this cd is a must have for anyone who does not hold strongly to traditional bluegrass music.*