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## **HONK! IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS**

## Italy's Banda Roncati kick off festival in Cambridge

Boston, MA – The fourth annual HONK! Festival kicks off this Friday, October 9 in Cambridge! Starting at 12 p.m., Banda Roncati, a street band hailing all the way from Bologna, Italy will be at Harvard University to celebrate the city's great neighborhoods.

"The Friday HONKS in the neighborhoods are a really exciting new feature of the festival," said Reebee Garofalo, a HONK! Festival organizer, "We wanted to broaden our audience by taking the festival directly to people who might not be able to make it to Davis Square."

Born in Bologna, La Banda Roncati began in 1992 as a small group of musicians. Since then, the band has grown to include up to thirty pieces, includes woodwinds, brass, percussion, vocals, and dance. Their music ranges from classical to jazz to 1980's pop.

The three-day festival of activist street bands continues Columbus Day weekend on Saturday and Sunday in Somerville's Davis Square. HONK! is a grassroots, non-profit event made possible by more than a thousand local residents, businesses, and volunteers.

To learn more about HONK! and see the full schedule of events, visit Honkfest.org and follow us on twitter.com/honkfest.

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