



Eros Ramazzotti, one of Italy's most popular singers and songwriters, received the NIAF Special Achievement Award in Music during the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) Ambassador's Ball.

The evening's host, Italy's Ambassador to the United States H.E. **Giovanni Castellaneta**, presented a NIAF Special Achievement Award in Music to Ramazzotti.

After he received the award, **Eros Ramazzotti** performed two songs accompanied by Luca Scarpa, his pianist from Italy.

Ramazzotti is known as one of the most successful European singers, having released 11 albums in both Italian and Spanish. During his 25-year career, he has sold more than 40 million records worldwide with albums reaching number one on European and Latin charts. His latest album, *e²*, was released in October 2007: the album features collaborations with Ricky Martin, Carlos Santana, Steve Vai, Take 6, Wyclef Jean, Gian Piero Reverberi & London Session Orchestra, etc. To date, his new release has sold more than two million copies.