



Twins, born in Turin. Both are graduated: Massimiliano has a degree in DAMS (History of Art) while Gianluca in Communication studies (specialising in Cinema). Gianluca followed a workshop with the Iranian director Abbas Kiarostami.

Since 1999 both together directed many shortfilm and documentaries which take part in international film festivals (Rotterdam, Turin, Annecy, Santa Barbara, Köln and many others). All the films of the De Serio's brothers, have a narrative approach between the documentary and fiction, always with a kind regard to the human problematic. The shortfilm Maria Jesus won the Nastro d'Argento as best Italian shortfilm in 2004.

Among the awards: Don Quixote Award and Youth Jury Prize at the Locarno Film Festival; Prix du Jury Meilleure Mise en Scene at the International Festival of Marrakech; Best Film Journées du Cinéma Italien, Nice; Grand Prix Annecy Italian Film; Award "Spaceship" Italian Cinema. European Academy Awards nomination for the short film, the Silver Ribbon for Best Short Film, the Silver Ribbon for Best Screenplay for short film (2005), the Silver Ribbon for Best Production of the short film, two nominations to David Donatello for the short film, nominated for a Golden Globe (for the short and the feature film). Best Short at Edinburgh International Film Festival, International Short Film Festival Oberhausen, Internationales Trickfilm-Festival in Stuttgart, Huesca, Vendôme, best short film in Italian for three consecutive years at the Turin Film Festival.

Seven Acts of Mercy has been nominated for the Silver Ribbon for best debut film, for Best Sound and Best Actor.