

BIO OF



## AL FABRIZIO

### *Mandolinist*

Al (Anselmo) Fabrizio's father emigrated to the United States from Abruzzi, Italy. Although his father worked hard as a carpenter, he played beautiful old Italian melodies on the mandolin at home. Since his early childhood Al was enraptured by the plaintive sounds his dad produced and he never forgot those beautiful Italian songs. His family were all gifted musicians. His mother would harmonize, his brother Raymond was a flute virtuoso, his brother Carl played trumpet and Al played clarinet. They would spend many happy hours playing music together.

However, for much of his adult life Al left music behind for a career as a graphic artist. He owned a graphics and publishing company in Palo Alto, and also taught art at San Jose State University and Foothill College in California. Al's career as a mandolinist did not begin until adulthood shortly after the sudden loss of his brother Raymond. It was then that he made a commitment to keep music alive in his family. He picked up his father's mandolin and started playing beautiful Italian happy and romantic melodies that he remembered hearing his father play.

Al's life changed when he met Hugo Wainzinger, a virtuoso guitarist and composer. Al and Hugo played so well together that in 1997 they decided to record an album with Al playing the mandolin in the expressive Neapolitan "tremolo" style. The album, "Serenata Italiana," stirred the hearts of listeners and took them through the canals of Venice, the vineyards of Tuscany and the hills of Sicily. This album was so widely received that they built a state of the art production and recording studio and they now have six albums with Italian, Latin and world favorite melodies, each album receiving five-star reviews. The CDs are: "Serenata Italiana," "Italian Heartstrings," "Bella Serenata," "Serenata D'Amore," "World Heartstrings" and "Mandolin for Lovers."

Al Fabrizio and Hugo Wainzinger are co-owners of Heartstrings Music, L.L.C. producing and recording for other musicians and various audio applications in Mountain View, California. They perform together and separately throughout the country for parties, weddings, corporate and private events and gatherings of all sorts.

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