

Bios of Entertainers:

Pasquale Esposito

Pasquale Esposito was born and raised in Naples, Italy. He immigrated to the United States winning the Green Card Lottery in 1998. He pursued his passion for music by studying at San Jose State University receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree where he was a distinguished alumnus in 2009. He is an international crossover recording artist, acclaimed for his pop-opera delivery of songs. Esposito released 9 albums and began touring internationally with his first musical revue: Naples ... That's Amore in 2005. Thereafter, he toured with his CD of Original Compositions: A Brand New Me (2009) and Il Tempo (2011).

Mike Marotta and Friends

Mike Marotta and Friends will include Mike Marotta on accordion, Dennis Murphy on bass, Paul Tarantino on clarinet and sax, John Beron on drums, with singers Erasmo "Orazio" Aiello, Dave Marzetti, Rachel Marotta Halim and Anna Marotta Halim.

Mike Marotta, Accordion

Mike Marotta Jr., a Monterey native, is the third generation of Marottas to entertain Monterey Peninsula audiences. For over 45 years, he has performed all styles of popular music on accordion and piano with the Marotta Band.

Dennis Murphy, Bass

Dennis Murphy is the Co-Founder of the Dennis Murphy School of Music and is a 3-time GRAMMY Nominee with international Smooth Jazz Artist Acoustic Alchemy. Since the mid-eighties, Dennis has been touring worldwide with various national and international artists. He recorded or played with Greg Kihn Band, Maria Muldaur, Billy Preston, Coasters, Drifters, Shirelles, and Kenny Rankin among others. Dennis appeared on National Prime Time Television and Nationally Syndicated Radio. His band was voted "Best of" 7 Consecutive Years by Monterey County Weekly Reader's Poll.

Erasmo "Orazio" Aiello - Tenor

Erasmo 'Orazio' Aiello comes from Palermo, Sicily. He has been discovered by musicians eager to share his gift of singing traditional Italian songs and opera with wider audiences. During the day, he practices while baking bread at his famous Palermo Bakery.

David Marzetti, Master of Ceremonies/Singer

This is the 30th year that David Marzetti has emceed and performed at Festa Italia with his close friend, Mike Marotta. David comes from a radio background that spans over 45 years. He currently hosts a radio show every weekday 3-6p. On Saturday mornings, for 21 years, he has hosted the "ShagBag Show" from the Del Monte Golf Club and "Sundays with Sinatra": Live from Old Fisherman's Wharf every Sunday morning. All of David's shows are heard on 1240am/95.9fm KMBY. He is highly regarded as "Monterey's Emcee" and hosts many local functions and fundraisers including Festa Italia, Santa Rosalia Queen's Coronation Ball, La

Merienda: the City of Monterey's Annual Birthday Celebration, Old Fisherman's Wharf's Annual Birthday Party, the City of Monterey's 4th of July Celebration at City Hall, and the Italian Heritage Society Awards Ceremony. David is a frequent Winner of BEST TV/RADIO PERSONALITY in the Monterey Herald Readers Poll. A 3-time winner of the PGA Media Person of the Year Award. Honored by Carmel Chamber as their "Community Champion of the Year", and received the Jim Russo Sr. Paisano of the Year Award. Congressman Jimmy Panetta says David is "The Voice of Monterey".

831 ALLSTAR BAND

THE 831 ALL STAR BAND IS EXPLODING ONTO THE CENTRAL COAST WITH THERE NEW POWERFUL SOUND. From EARTH, WIND & FIRE – (Showcasing their powerful Horn Section) - TO CUMBIA, SALSA & SANTANA STYLE MUSIC (Highlighting their amazing Rhythm Section, Which Includes MARCI CHAPA, An original member of BEYONCE's, all female Band. ALL MEMBERS HAVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE UNDER THEIR BELTS AND WERE ONCE THE FOUNDATION BEHIND The Legendary Chicano Allstars. Led by Front man ANTHONY LANE - THIS BAND IS HOT. IF YOU WANT TO DANCE, WELL GET READY! THE 831 ALLSTAR BAND IS HERE!

Tarantella Dancers of Monterey

The Tarantella Dancers perform on Saturday and Sunday at Festa Italia. No Italian wedding or celebration would be complete without the rhythmic song and dance of the Tarantella. It is considered by some to be the most popular of all of the Italian songs and it is even considered by many as the song of Italy. The dance is both lively and graceful, with light and quick steps mixed with passionate gestures. The Tarantella, originally an Italian folk dance of the lower-and middle-classes has been labeled as a dance to cure sickness. Legend states that between the 15th and 17th centuries, an epidemic of tarantism swept through the town of Taranto in southern Italy, as a result of being bit by the poisonous tarantula spider. The victim, which is referred to as the tarantata, once bitten, could fall into a trance that could only be cured by frenzied dancing. People would surround the victim while musicians would play mandolins, guitars and tambourines in search of the correct rhythm. Each bet would have a different effect on the tarantata causing various movements and gestures. Once the correct rhythm was found, it was almost certain that the tarantata was cured. The Tarantella Dancers of Monterey perform annually at Festa Italia and other cultural events.

The Money Band

Fronted by charismatic lead vocalist and harmonica player Zoe Alexander, The Money Band performs with a remarkable intensity and fire that garners new fans and critical acclaim wherever and whenever they play. Playing every style from country to funk to disco to classic rock, reggae, modern rock and pop, with songs from The Beatles, Elvis, Johnny Cash, Van Morrison, The Rolling Stones, Kid Rock, David Bowie, KC & The Sunshine Band, AC/DC, Bruno Mars, Maroon 5 and many more of your favorites, The Money Band is famous for having a packed dance floor all night long! The Money Band has shared the stage with many major acts including Steve Winwood, Journey, The Dixie Chicks, Kenny Chesney, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Dave Mason, Link Wray, The Stray Cats, The Byrds, Smash Mouth and many, many more. They have

toured and performed all over the United States as well as internationally, with dates in the UK and Europe including England, The Netherlands, Italy, and France. Additionally, they have performed for weddings, private parties, nightclubs, yacht parties, and at some of the most prestigious hotels and venues both locally and around the world. These include The Lodge at Pebble Beach, Carmel Mission Ranch, The Lake Tahoe Ritz Carlton, The Monterey Peninsula Country Club, The Biltmore Phoenix, AZ, Hahn Vineyards, The Ford Models Mansion Party in Bel Air, The CA Rodeo, The Silverado Resort in Napa, Coconut Grove at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, The Peabody in Memphis, TN, The Montalvo Art Center and The Hotel Negresco in Nice, France, to name just a few.

About Anthony “Nino” Lane

Anthony "Nino" Lane was born as Antonino Pasquale Cotroneo in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Son of Giorgio Cotroneo of Santa Roberto, Reggio Di Calabria and Angelina Musitano of Deglia Nova, Reggio Di Calabria. At the young age of ten Nino began to perform with many bands in the Italian community. Singing mainly in Italian he was known as “the little Italian Singer” While in the Harmony Dance Band he was fortunate to open up for the Original "Ink Spots " and many other Nationally known headliners. At the Age of fourteen he decided to leave his Italian sound and begin his first rock Band "Double Vision" later to be called "Clear Cut" they went on to record three albums. The first one under A&M records produced by Daniel Larios (U-2, Peter Gabriel, Bonnie Raitt”. The second recorded under the CBS label, produced by Bob Destocki (Fast Times at Richmond High, The Ides of March”and the final one on A & M Records. At the same time Anthony studied with Rosemary Burns-Gazarra (the wife of Ben Gazzara) in Toronto, Canada. She was a former opera singer (New York Met) who had studied Bell Canto in Italy and had developed a technique for singing pop music. She called it 'the mask' and had been teaching it for many years. Her former students include Bryan Adams, Corey Heart, Jeff Healey, Sebastian Bach (Skid Row) And James Labrie (Dream Theatre). This would later change Anthony's life. Throughout the 80"s Anthony was a part of a powerful musical team. To make it easier in the music business, Anthony changed his name to Lane (Plain Lane is what he would say!) After 14 years on the road working fifty weeks a year, Anthony came to Los Angeles trying to secure a major label. He had made his mark in L.A. but the music scene was beginning to change quickly. Anthony decided to move and open a Club in Monterey, Ca. named PLANET GEMINI which he ran successfully for 25 years. To keep Music alive, Nino purchased the Legendary FOX THEATER in Salinas, California where he brings major shows and events. Anthony decided to follow his heart and sing the music he once enjoyed - Classic Italian. A performance you will all enjoy!