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# Roberto Capocchi



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# **Roberto Capocchi- Biography**

Guitarist Roberto Capocchi has played to critical acclaim throughout his native Brazil, the United States, and Mexico, as well as Canada and Belgium. Mr Capocchi has performed at the Santa Fe Opera with conductors such as **Alan Gilbert, David Robertson, and Bernard Rubenstein**, with the Santa Fe Desert Chorale with **Joshua Haberman and Mathew Tresler, John Kennedy** at Santa Fe New Music, as well as with **Tom O'Connor, Tina Sandoval, and Andre Garcia-Nuthman**.

He often **plays and offers workshops at festivals in North and South America**, **such as** the Society of Composers Inc., Guitar Northwest, Haydn Festival International, Souza Lima Festival, Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival - Music in Our Schools, Serenata of Santa Fe, Peninsula College, San Juan College, Seattle University, Taos Community Chorus, Santa Fe ProMusica, Highlands University Madrigal, Millennium Artists, and Violao em Concerto. He has **played with musicians such as** David Grusin, Celina Charlier, Carol Redman, Michael Lich, Tabajara Belo, Brian DeLay, Ellen Chavez de Leitner, Nancy Nielson, Gabriel Ayala, and Tracy Doyle.

Recent highlights include a tour with flutist Carol Redman, concerts and masterclasses for the Portland Classical Guitar Series, New Mexico Guitar Festival, Springfield Guitar Society, adjucating for the Guitar Foundation of America New Mexico Symposium and for the New Mexico All-State Festival. 2014 performances include the Concierto de Aranjuez with the Southern Arizona Symphony Orchestra.

He has **won top prizes in competitions such as** the Sholin Memorial, Stevens Guitar Competition, Young Concert Artists, Villa-Lobos Competition, Souza Lima Guitar Competition, Aracatuba Festival, Saint Marcelina Chamber Music Competition, and Mozarteum Competition. He has been a **semi-finalist at** the Guitar Foundation of America Solo Guitar Competition, Portland Guitar Festival, and was the only solo guitarist selected for the 1997 Premio Eldorado de Musica.

"Roberto Capocchi Plays Spanish Guitar Music", is a solo 2010 CD with music by Isaac Albeniz, Regino Sainz de la Maza, Joaquin Turina, and Francisco Tarrega. "Tangos de Santa Fe - Matapolvos" is a 2009 release of the music of Ron Strauss, where he plays the suite "Tangos de Santa Fe" with Carol Redman on flute and Pamela Epple on English horn, and with violinist Ellen Chavez de Leitner, he released iDuo Guadalupe: Music for Violin and Guitarî in 2003.

Mr. Capocchi received music degrees from the Lins de Vasconcelos Conservatory and Carlos Gomes College in Brazil. He is a doctoral candidate in Performance and Music Theory at the Bolton Guitar Studies Program at the University of Arizona, where he received a Master of Music Degree in Music Performance. He is a recipient of the University of Arizona Dean's Fund for Excellence, William Wolf Scholarship, and various travel grants. His teachers have included Thomas



#### Patterson, Henrique Pinto and Sandra Costa (guitar instructors) Conrado Paulino and Kiko Moura (Jazz and Brazilian Music) and Ricardo Rizek (theory).

He has performed in master-classes and been **coached by such notable artists as** David Russell, Sergio Abreu, Sergio Assad, Odair Assad, David Leisner, Paul O'Dette, Oscar Ghiglia, Sila Godoy, Ivan Rijos, Mario Ulloa, Alice Artzt, Orlando Fraga, Paulo Porto Alegre, Benjamin Verdery, Rene Izquierdo, Luis Claudio Ferreira, Eduardo Meirinhos, Margarita Escarpa, and Den-Min Yeh. He has also **attended workshops with** Yo-Yo Ma, Walter Bianchi, Alexandre Lagoya, Midori, and Violeta Hemsy de GaÌnza.

Mr. Capocchi is on faculty at **New Mexico Highlands University, United World College, Santa Fe University of Art and Design, New Mexico School for the Arts, and at Adams State University**. His students have won prizes at the Columbus State University Guitar Competition, Souza Lima Competition, Mishler Scholarship, Tucson Jazz Society Award, Santa Fe ProMusica Young Concert Artist, Colorado All State Jazz Band, New Mexico All State Guitar Ensemble, New Mexico All State Jazz Band, and Shaefer Guitar Competition. They also have been awarded scholarships at the University of Northern Colorado, Berklee School of Music, North Carolina School for the Arts, University of Arizona, Killington Music Festival, University of New Mexico, Santa Fe University of Art and Design, and New Mexico Highlands University.

The guitars he uses are a **1988 Sergio Abreu**, from Brazil, a **1996 Gioachino Giussani**, from Italy, and a **2010 Robert Ruck**, from the USA.



# **Roberto Capocchi-Reviews**

Guitarist Roberto Capocchi's interpretation was a delight the senses and the spirit. He let himself go to the melody that inevitably captured all the audience. **El Imparcial, Hermosillo, Mexico** 

An extremely expressive player, communicating depths of emotion in his performances that touch his audiences and move them to respond. A performance that convinces the audience they are listening to a true master. **Old Pueblo Guitar Gazette, Tucson, Arizona** 

Roberto is one REALLY fine classical guitarist with a sound to die for. **Bruce Dunlap - Open Arts Foundation** 

The artistic musical sense of a genius. An extraordinarily competent and committed teacher, certainly among the country's greatest names in the guitar. **Projeto Violao em Concerto, Campo Grande, Brazil** 

That's amazing! Such a lovely, singing tone! Classical Cafe, KHFM Radio, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Capocchi is a very talented young guitarist with a nice touch and a sense of rhythm that promises a rewarding future relationship with the music of Astor Piazzolla. **Don von Schriltz – Piazzollavideo.blogspot.com** 

Capocchi presented elaborate refinement in his renditions of Walton's Five Bagatelles for Guitar, Bach's Ciaccona and Giuliani's Gran Ouverture. **Guitar Player Magazine, Sao Paulo, Brazil** 

Immense feeling... concerned not with technique, since he transcends it, but rather with expression. Maybe he held so many of us in silence precisely through his expressiveness.

El Imparcial, Hermosillo, Mexico



A revelation in Art Music in Brazil. His style blends technique and emotion, always captivating the audience.

### Guitar Player Magazine, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Capocchi's rare musical refinement displayed polished technique and conscientious analysis of the music. His wide dynamics and color palette matched all nuances of his musical imagination.

Violao Intercambio, Sao Paulo, Brazil



# **Roberto Capocchi-Solo Repertoire**

## Antonio Lauro

Natalia

#### **Astor Piazzolla**

Artisane Quatro Estaciones Porteñas I - Primavera Porteña II - Verano Porteño III - Outono Porteño IV - Invierno Porteño

#### **Augustin Barrios**

Una Limosna por el Amor de Dios La Catedral I- Preludio - Sudade II - Andante Religioso III - Allegro Solemne

#### Egberto Gismonti

Agua e Vinho Loro

### Federico MorenoTorroba

Sonatina I - Allegretto II - Andante III - Allegro

### Fernando Sor

Fantasia 7 Gran Solo

#### **Francisco Tarrega** Recuerdos de la Alhambra Capricho Arabe

### **Heitor Villa Lobos**

Five Preludes for Guitar Selections from 12 Etudes for Guitar



#### Isaac Albeniz

Asturias Cadiz Sevilla

#### Joao Pernambuco

Brasileirinho Lagrima Dengoso Sons de Carrilhoes

### Joaquin Turina

Homage a Tarrega I – Garrotin II - Soleares

#### **Johannes Brahms**

Ballade in B Minor

#### J. S. Bach

Chaconne

#### Leo Brouwer

El Decameron Negro I - El arpa del guerrero II - La huida de los amante por el valle de los ecos III - Ballade de la doncela enamorada

#### **Mathew Dunne**

**Appalachian Summer** 

# Mauro Giuliani

Grand Ouverture

#### **Radames Gnatalli**

Pequena Suite I – Pastoral II – Toada III - Frevo

#### **Regino Sanz de la Maza** Petenera Zapateado



### Sir William Walton

Five Bagatelles for Guitar I - Allegro Assai II - Lento III - Alla Cubana IV - Lento

V - Presto con Slancio



# **Roberto Capocchi-Concerto Repertoire**

Heitor Villa Lobos Concerto for Guitar and Small Orchestra

Antonio Vivaldi Concerto in D

Joaquin Rodrigo Concerto de Aranjuez

Mauro Giuliani Guitar Concerto No. 1 in A Major, Op. 30



# **Roberto Capocchi-Chamber Music**

#### Alban Berg

Wozzeck

#### **Tan Dun** Concerto for Pizzicato Piano and Ten Instruments

**David Grusin** Joropo Peligroso for Piano, Guitar and String Orchestra

**Pietro Locatelli** Sonata Secunda (Arr. Robert Brojer)(flute and guitar)

**Georg Friederich Haendel** Sonata in A Major (Arr. Erwin Schaller)(flute and guitar)

Arcangelo Corelli Sonata Op. 5 No. 11 (Arr. Rudolf Buttman)(flute and guitar)

**Georg Friederich Haendel** Sonata Opus 1 No. 11 (Arr. Allen Krantz)(flute and guitar)

**Niccolo Paganini** Centone di Sonata (violin and guitar)

**Niccolo Paganini** Cantabile (violin and guitar)

Ferdinando Carulli Five Serenades (flute and guitar)

Pablo de Sarasate Romanza Andaluza, Malaguena, Zapateado (violin and guitar version)

**Georg Friedrich Händel** "Spanish Cantata" HWV 140 (voice, guitar and cello)

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**Bela Bartok** Romanian Folk Dances (flute and guitar version)

Luigi Boccherini "Fandango" Quintet(string quartet and guitar)

**Nicolo Paganini** Trio(violin, guitar and cello)

Ariel Ramirez Misa Criola (Mixed Chorus, soloists, percussion, guitar, and piano or harpsichord)

**Robert Beaser** Selections from Mountain Songs(flute and guitar)

Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco Romancero Gitano (for mixed choir and guitar)

Franz Schubert Cantate D.80 (for two tenors, bass, and guitar)

**Jeffrey Van** A Procession Winding Around Me (S.A.T.B. and guitar)

Luke Gullickson Terlingua Meditations (for percussion, string bass, and guitar)

Giuseppe Verdi Falstaff

**John Gay** The Beggar's Opera

**Ron Strauss** Tangos de Santa Fe (English horn, flute and guitar)

**Bela Bartok** Romanian Folk Dances (flute and guitar version)

Asstor Piazzolla Tango Suite(two guitars)

Marlos Nobre Ciclos Nordestinos I - II - II(two guitars)

**Libby Larsen** Salt Peanuts (flute and guitar)

Joan Tower Snow Dreams (flute and guitar)

Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco Sonatina (flute and guitar)

**Conrad Susa** Carols and Iullabies (choir and guitar)

**Heitor Villa-Lobos** Sextet Mystique (flute, English horn, saxophone, guitar, celesta, and harp) **Nicolo Paganini** Terzetto (violin, cello and guitar)

**Joseph Haydn** Quartet in D H III.8 (guitar, violin, viola, and cello)

**Frederck Hand** Four Excursions for Flute (flute and guitar)

Joseph V. Williams II Garter, after Tom Waits (two guitars)

Katherine Hoover Canyon Echos (flute and guitar)

Hans Werner Henze Carrillon, Recitatif, Masque (mandolin, guitar, and harp)

Manuel de Falla Siete Canciones Populares (voice and guitar)

Francisco de San Andres Quatro Canciones (voice and guitar)

Astor Piazzolla Histoire du Tango (flute and guitar)

