

# ALHAMBRA VALLEY BAND



**Lynn Quinones** - Songwriter, Lead Vocals, Rhythm Guitar • **Jill Cruey** - Vocals, Fiddle  
**Dan Large** - Vocals, Mandolin • **Mitch Polzak** - Vocals, Banjo  
**Bruce Campbell** - Vocals, Bass

The Alhambra Valley Band has been contributing talent and energy to the California Bluegrass scene since 1986.

Also known for award-winning original material and vocal harmony arrangements, this Northern-California-based ensemble of roots musicians is spreading the gospel according to Bluegrass to an ever-grooving base of fans and converts.

A longtime fan favorite in Northern California, the Alhambra Valley Band celebrates its 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary as a working bluegrass band and 2008 finds them going strong as ever ~ Staying Power Counts. Led by award-winning songwriter, Lynn Quinones, the AVB features a tasty blend of bluegrass classics, a sprinkling of skillful newgrass styles and a generous helping of original songs. The Alhambra Valley Band has dedicated itself to spreading bluegrass and roots music far and wide over the past 21 years and has performed at hundreds of venues throughout California – many of them new to bluegrass music.

Keeping true to the band's commitment to furthering the recognition of bluegrass music as well as maintaining a reverence for the masters who started it all, the Alhambra Valley Band delivers fresh-picked California Bluegrass and promises to serve up their fans most requested originals.

"I had the opportunity to hear the Alhambra Valley Band.  
I was thoroughly impressed with the timin', the singin' and the band as a whole;  
and especially the hard drivin' rhythm player."  
.....James King @ the Bowers Mansion Festival, 8/14/04

"I want to say special congratulations to each member of the Alhambra Valley Band,  
headliner for Saturday night....they absolutely stole the hearts of everyone in earshot.  
What singing....what playing"  
.. Rick Cornish, CBA Chairman of the Board @ the Good Old Fashioned Festival, 7/12/04

California Brand Bluegrass...  
"..energy and polish that has made The Alhambra Valley Band one of our best."  
.....California Bluegrass Association, 7/14/03

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The  
**Alhambra Valley Band**

has been featured at music festivals including .....

- \* Wintergrass 2008
- \* CBA Father's Day Festival
- \* San Francisco's Hardly Strictly Bluegrass
- \* CBA President's Day Festival
- \* CBA Veteran's Day Bluegrass Festival
- \* Scott Valley Bluegrass Festival
- \* Battle Mountain Music Festival
- \* Hollister's Good Old-fashioned Bluegrass
- \* Bower's Mansion Festival
- \* San Francisco Bluegrass & Old Time Fest
- \* Manteca Bluegrass Festival
- \* Santa Maria Bluegrass Festival
- \* Fall Grass Festival
- \* Wolf Mountain Bluegrass Festival
- \* Plymouth Bluegrass Festival
- \* Desert Oasis Festival

**Lynn Quinones – Guitar & Vocals**

Establishing the Alhambra Valley Band in 1986, Lynn is an award winning songwriter and has been a champion of the Bay Area bluegrass scene for years. She combines a deep reverence for traditional music with the creativity and skill to experiment with new sounds and rhythms. The distinctive melodies in her compositions, her "That's what I'm talkin' about!" rhythm guitar style, and her considerable vocal talent form the Alhambra Valley Band's signature sound. A San Francisco native, Lynn currently resides in the Alhambra Valley of Martinez, CA

**Jill Cruey – Fiddle & Vocals**

AVB's co-founder, Jill Cruey, is a gifted fiddler with an impressive knowledge of bluegrass and old time music styles. Her long friendship with Lynn forms the rhythmic and spiritual bedrock on which the band is built. She sings occasional harmonies, and her contributions behind the scenes to the band's repertoire and arrangements keep the sound fresh, yet traditional. A fiddler from Wyoming, Jill now calls Clayton, California home.

**Dan Large – Mandolin & Vocals**

Born and raised in the North Bay, Dan is one of the best-kept secrets of Bay Area mandolin players. He brings jaw dropping talent, high energy, a warm smile and always amusing wit to the group, as well as an ultra versatile background in bluegrass, jazz, rock, newgrass and old time styles. Dan adds his own innovative touch to the AVB's original material, singing lead or providing baritone harmonies for the bands highly regarded vocal "trio". Dan currently lives in Richmond, CA

**Bruce Campbell – Bass & Vocals**

Bruce has been a part of the music scene in the Bay Area since the mid 1970's, first with rock bands, then switching to bluegrass after seeing the light in the late 80's. More than just a top-notch bass player, Bruce brings a sense of humor, fun and balance to the AVB that is worth its weight in cold beer. Bruce sings an occasional lead number, and his band mates, friends and admirers all agree-Bruce is a great guy with tons of talent. Bruce also resides in Martinez's Alhambra Valley.

**Mitch Polzak – Banjo & Vocals**

Banjo player Mitch Polzak is the great-great-grandson of August Ringling of the famous Ringling Brothers Circus -- maybe that's why he fits so seamlessly into the Alhambra Valley Band's lineup of pickers. Energy, charisma and a fearless banjo approach define Mitch's style. With songwriting talent and singing to boot, Mitch is approaching bluegrass warrior status. When not playing bluegrass, Mitch fronts the Royal Deuces rockabilly band.

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