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Al Bano and Romina Power are an Italian-American pop music duo formed in 1975 by then-married Italian singer Albano Carrisi and Romina Power, the American-born daughter of Hollywood star Tyrone Power. Among their best-known international hits are "Felicità," "Sharazan," "Tu, soltanto tu (Mi hai fatto innamorare)," "Ci sarà," "Sempre sempre," and "Libertà!" The duo has recorded mainly in Italian, but has also released a large number of records in Spanish and French. They participated twice in the Eurovision Song Contest (1976 and 1985) and performed five times at the Sanremo Music Festival, where they won in 1984 with the song "Ci sarà". The couple also made seven films based on their songs between 1967 and 1984. The two separated and divorced in 1999, but reunited professionally in 2013.

In 1975 the couple released their first album as a duo, which included the popular song "Dialogo". In 1976 they represented Italy at the Eurovision Song Contest with the song "We'll Live It All Again", sung in Italian and English, and placed seventh. In 1981 they released the single "Sharazan", which became their international breakthrough. In 1982 the duo broke Italian records by having four songs in the Italian hit parade at the same time. That same year they participated in the Sanremo Music Festival with the song "Felicità" and took second place. The song became widely popular, selling over 6 million copies and winning the "German Golden Globe 1982".

It appeared on their next album, *Felicità*, which became a chart success. In 1986 Al Bano and Romina Power signed a contract with WEA and recorded the album "Sempre, sempre", which confirmed their international success. The song "Settembre" featured the voice of their young



daughter Cristel, while for "Lord Byron" they used recordings of Byron's poems by Tyrone Power. In 1990, they released the album *Fotografia di un momento*, with the successful single "Donna per amore", followed by the Christmas album *Weihnachten bei uns zu Hause* released in Germany, which later appeared in Italy as *Corriere di Natale*. In 1991, Al Bano and Romina Power participated in the Sanremo Music Festival for the fifth and final time as a duo, this time around with the song "Oggi sposi", placing at the eighth position. Their daughter Ylenia Carrisi disappeared under mysterious circumstances in New Orleans in 1994, causing Al Bano and Romina to withdraw from their tours to devote themselves to the search for their daughter. Their case remains unsolved to this day.

In 1999, Al Bano announced the separation in an open letter to the weekly magazine *Oggi*, explaining the reasons for the breakup with the disappearance of their daughter. The two got back together in 2013, reportedly only on a professional basis, for a concert performance in Moscow (their first live performance together in sixteen years). In 2014 and 2015 they continued to perform live as a duo, including at Sanremo 2015.



Disco-Beat, T=120

Programming instruction

This disco beat ingeniously fulfills its role, even if it actually consists of only one programming. The basic style consists only of very simple 8beat drums with a continuous quarter bass drum and quarter snare afterbeat on 2 and 4. The 8th bass is very moving and is harmonically "neutral", i.e. it has no third in play, which could influence the tonal balance. The guitar plays a very fast chord phrase with a reggae part in the second half of the bar and could also be a synth as a timbre. The advanced strings play two inversions. Up to this point, the two mains are identical. But Main2 then comes along with a rhythmic and particularly articulated phrase, which is located exactly in the middle of the two program bars, with the intention of filling the pause gaps between the melody phrases.