



Brief Bio - Hank & Shaidri Alrich with Doug Harman

Hank & Shaidri Alrich are a father and daughter duo who have been playing and singing together for almost twenty-five years. Their sound is both traditional and contemporary, driven by rich instrumental work supporting a unique vocal blend born of that “blood harmony” associated with closely related voices.

Hank plays guitar, mandolin, or five-string banjo, and Shaidri plays guitar or fiddle. Their relaxed delivery belies the power of their performances, and their quirky senses of humor add a welcome twist to the package.

They are joined by Doug Harman on cello and vocals. Doug is a renowned Texas musician who migrated to the San Francisco Bay region in the late 1970's. His cello merges with Hank and Shaidri's instruments to create a sonic palette that is by turns both bold and delicate. This trio can deliver an acoustic sound that is spacious and gentle one moment, dense and powerful the next.

Their presentation is devoid of electronic effects or gimmickry. They are something folk, bluegrass, Americana, old country, and original, a roots music package that doesn't fit well into preconceived marketing niches, but which appeals to many people across genres and generations. This is stellar stuff for listening audiences who love good acoustic music.

The trio's debut CD, *Carry Me Home*, released in late 2009 (Armadillo Records CD 1001) is an inspiring offering of “ten timeless tracks” (John Conquest, *3rd Coast Music Magazine*, March, 2010). Produced by Hank and recorded without the use of headphones or the security of overdubs, *Carry Me Home* manifests an unpretentious thread focused on the lives of people and a sense of place. The material and the delivery harken to a time when music spoke directly and powerfully of issues transcending heartbreak, of histories ignored by the status quo. Hank's approach to production eschews the cocoon of contemporary digital manipulation. What you hear is what they played, a refreshing dose of sonic reality in a world of musical fakery. Every track has received airplay on public and community stations from Australia to Israel, Italy to the Netherlands, Missouri to Manitoba, and more.

The trio's live show is suitable for any venue that offers a good listening environment. Please direct booking inquires to:

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