



# Toth Banca Dati

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## Mario Abbate – pseudonym of Salvatore Abbate

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**H**is father, John, was a famous mattress stitch in piazza San Ferdinando. Just 9 years old, he was chosen to sing the theme song of the first short film in color *the Park of Heroes*. Continues to perform in 12 years, using his real name (Hari), participating in drama by Ruby C. After the war he devoted himself to singing in a more ongoing basis. In 1951, after throwing the success, at the Piedigrotta Festival the song by toto, *Malafemmena*, wins a contest to RAI that allows him to enter as a singer in the orchestra of maestro Cynical Angelini and record hundreds of records for the record company Vis Radio. At the end of the Decade, thanks to some television appearance and various investments in *the Festival of Naples*, with the song *Core Napulitano*, achieves great success at national level, by participating in the Festival di Sanremo 1962 with the song *dressed in red* and the following Edition with *Wants to stop time* and *Today I have no time*. In 1964, with the song *Tonight nun Durmì*, reaches the finals in the first edition of a Disco for the summer, an event which also participates in 1965 with *Manduline* 'and *Lacreme*, in 1966 with *summer sea*, in 1968 with *and 'n' friend ... the Love* and in 1974 with *'Na Varca sailboat*. A passion since childhood for theater led him to interpret the Alyce, the theater 2000 with an extraordinary success. Mario Abbate appeared in a few movies, playing himself. For RCA Italiana in 1980 an anthology of Neapolitan song on 6 discs, entitled *the interpreter of the Sun* and his latest album *with lots of love*. It is still considered by critics the greatest interpreter of the Neapolitan song postwar along with Sergio Bruni.

## Filmography

- 1953/ *... and Naples sings!*, by Armando Grottini  
1954/ *Happens to the Hall*, by Giorgio Simonelli  
1966/ *Operation San Gennaro*. by Dino Risi
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