

MICHEAL CASTALDO “ASTOUNDS” AUDIENCE

In a very “heartwarming” presentation of “story telling and songs,” award winning international tenor, Micheal Castaldo astounded, bewildered and awed the capacity audience in his “Believe Heal and Hope” concert.

The L’Esperienza Male Vocal Artist of the Decade, was accompanied by conductor, Maestro **Alan Aurelia** and eleven members of the **Richmond County String Orchestra**, at the Hearst Auditorium at Chaminade High School on Sunday the 15th of May 2011 at 7PM sharp.

Upon entrance in the lobby, Micheal Castaldo’s name illuminated the ceiling as there was a display of his three CD’s: **Villa, La Dolce Vita ‘NAmerica and Aceto**; Bottles of NY City Olive Oil Corp. Extra Virgin Olive Oil, & Balsamico Particolare di Modena; and Information regarding his “**La Dolce Vita Foundation**,” Tuscan Weddings and Viletta Mimi Vittoria in Calabria, Italy.

The Setting: (See attached photo(s)*) Every seat was a great seat to see and hear and “**experience**” this event. The stage was raised, with a screen that constantly showed “Visions of Italy” as a backdrop, as the tenor and orchestra performed on a stage decorated with mini candles and with red, white and green plants for the Italian colors.

Micheal’s wife Bozena introduced him to the audience adding a special touch!

Micheal told “his story” from birth in Italy, to being raised in Toronto, to going to music school in Massachusetts, to living in New York City. He very skillfully performed ten songs from his current CD’s and one new song from his untitled CD to be released this November. His selections included: **Senza Catene (Unchained Melody), Lui Vive In Te (He Lives in You), Melodramma, Panis Angelicus, Guarda Questa Terra, Io Credo, Alleluia, Notte di Luce (Nights in White Satin), I Te Vurria Vassa, Preghero’(Stand by Me), and his new single- Il Mondo.** The Richmond County Orchestra performed an instrumental aria from **Cavalleria Rusticana.**

During the performance he invited a fan on stage, who is having some health issues, and he explained the theme for the night, “**Believe, Heal and Hope.**” He dedicated the next song to her while she assisted the conductor. She received a signed banner and a copy of his song, “Io Credo.” Micheal also explained that through the creation of his CD “Aceto” that he was able to both “grieve and heal” in the process of his dad’s passing.

Micheal gave credit to the many VIP’s in the audience including many radio announcers both local and from the metropolitan area and there was a large number of members who attended the post pizza event at Borrelli’s restaurant. They gave him a warm welcome! You could really tell Micheal was enjoying this evening with family and friends, on a theatrical stage with a live orchestra and visual enhancement. It was quite evident that everyone enjoyed the high level of his preparation and performance. **He was without a doubt over the top!**