

michéal CASTALDO

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MICHÉAL CASTALDO TO PRESENT BELIEVE, HEAL & HOPE, AN EVENING OF "CLASSIC ITALIAN SONGS"
IN THE HEARST AUDITORIUM AT CHAMINADE H.S. MAY 15, 2011 @ 7:00PM

Singer-Songwriter and olive oil connoisseur to offer unique multi-media experience of Italy

MINEOLA, NY March 1, 2011, Hearst Auditorium at Chaminade Activity-Athletic Center.

On May 15, 2011, Vital Records' performing artist michéal CASTALDO will conduct an evening of song and stories, set against the backdrop of majestic vistas of Calabria, Italy, that will feature a professional string orchestra with a few talented Chaminade and Mercy HS music students. The experience will be a journey through the senses—all for the price of admission to the Hearst Auditorium at Chaminade Activity-Athletic Center.

The evening, dubbed "Believe, Heal & Hope" will be co-produced by the La Dolce Vita Foundation and Mr. Castaldo's Majestic Castle Music Productions.

The unique multimedia culinary/musical concert is designed to appeal to classical-crossover lovers and fans (those who like Andrea Bocelli, Sarah Brightman, Josh Groban, or Il Divo), olive oil connoisseurs, and all who enjoy *la dolce vita*, the sweet life.

Mr. Castaldo will sing classic and timeless Italian songs from his current CD, "Aceto," from his previous CDs, "Villa" and "La Dolce Vita 'NAmerica," as well as selections from his repertoire, which will include the intermezzo of *Cavalleria Rusticana* by Pietro Mascagni, the crowd-pleasing aria "Nessun Dorma" from Puccini's *Turnadot*, Ennio Morricone's "Nella Fantasia," Verdi's "Va Pensiero." The twist in this show will be the many American Hit songs such as "Stand My Me," "Unchained Melody," "Sound of Silence," "Hallelujah," "I Started a Joke" all sung in Italian.

"I'm very excited to perform on Long Island once again and to present this special and unique program in a beautiful theatrical space," Mr. Castaldo says. "Long Islanders have a special place in my heart. They enthusiastically supported my various performances at the Hofstra University Italian Experience Day, Italian Day at Eisenhower Park, Italian Day at the L.I Ducks baseball game, Sayville Summer Concert Series and various special private events at Oheka Castle, Westbury Manor, Bellissimo's Restaurant, Wolfffer Estates and Raphael Winery." Mr. Castaldo continues. "I have all the top radio stations that play Italian music on Long Island that have supported me over the years. This is a way to have them give select tickets to their listening audience who have supported the radio station and my music."

Between songs, Mr. Castaldo will share his family's story as olive oil producers, which began when his great-grandfather bought a parcel of land with savings he earned as a miner helping to build the New York City subway system from 1897 to 1905. Audience members will then get a chance to do a blind tasting of four different brands of olive oil (including Mr. Castaldo's own), and will vote on a favorite. At the end of

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this musical evening, the winning olive oil will be announced. CDs and olive oil will be available for sale after the event for those who want to take the "Believe, Heal & Hope" experience home with them.

Michéal CASTALDO is an award-winning Italian classical-crossover tenor whose work has been called a "plush world of ballads and utter sweetness" by [celebritycafe.com](#) and "the perfect complement to an Italian music collection" by *La Gazzetta Italiana*. His family's orchards in the foothills of Calabria, Italy, where Michéal lived until age 3, have long been committed to producing and distributing fresh and vibrant olive oil at affordable prices. "The result, 'Private Reserve' olive oil... is a textbook olive oil: just the right color, flavor and texture to appeal to everyone," as described by [thenibble.com](#), the online magazine about specialty foods for the connoisseur. www.michealCASTALDO.com

Chaminade High School is a Catholic school for young men in grades 9-12. The school is named in honor of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade (1761 - 1850), Founder of the Society of Mary, Marianists. The newly built Hearst Auditorium in The Athletic Activity Center is a venue for young performing artists and provides a venue for creative events such as michéal CASTALDO'S "Believe, Heal & Hope" concert.

Chaminade High School, Hearst Auditorium at Chaminade Activity-Athletic Center, is located at 311 Jericho Tpk. Mineola, NY 11501 Tel: (516) 742-5555 www.chaminade-hs.org Parking is available in the school parking lots and on the street.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For Tickets Contact: Toll Free 877-642-7271
A portion of the proceeds will benefit La Dolce Vita Foundation.Org

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michéal CASTALDO's CD's "Aceto," "Villa" and "La Dolce Vita 'NAmerica," can be heard on Pandora Internet Radio and are available on Amazon.com, iTunes.com and E.Rossi & Co. NYC Little Italy.

To learn more about michéal CASTALDO's projects visit:

www.michealCASTALDO.com (Classic & Timeless Italian Songs)

www.NewYorkCityOliveOilCoop.com (Estate EVOO for New Yorkers and Beyond)

www.LaDolceVitaFoundation.org (Blues Cruise ... Driving you Sane)

www.VillettaMimmaVittoria.com (Villa Rental in Southern Italy)

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