

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

INDIE CLASSICAL-CROSSOVER ARTIST, MICHEAL CASTALDO ANNOUNCES THE CD RELEASE OF BERGAMOT

BERGAMOT – (*BER-ga-mat*) a lively, upbeat recording of original, folk, Italian classics and classic American hit songs, all sung in the Calabrian language. The vibe is a hybrid of Flamenco and Mediterranean tempos, preserving Michéal's southern Italian culture.

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NEW YORK, NY - MAY 24, 2013 - Michéal CASTALDO, the independent classical-crossover artist has scheduled his album release just in time for summer with a release date of Tuesday, June 25, 2013. The album is entitled, **BERGAMOT**, subtitled *A BREATH OF FRESH AIR*. Poised to be another best-seller from CASTALDO.

However, the album's lead single, a traditional Calabrian folk song, now re-imagined by CASTALDO, is "**CALABRISELLA MIA**", due to make its US radio debut on Saturday May 25, 2013 (5:30-7:30PM) on **ItalianSounds Radio** in Cleveland, OH - WRUW 91.1FM with **DJ's Tony Marotta & Nick Zappitelli** Link www.WRUW.org. "**CALABRISELLA MIA**" will premiere on TV during the cooking show **Everyday Gourmet** with chef **Cindy Barbieri Anschutz** on June 16th on NBC Connecticut Affiliate stations (for air time, check local listings). Link to the TV show at www.cindystable.com.

The album, BERGAMOT, serves up 12 songs (Classic Italian songs, Calabrian Folk songs, American Hit songs, an Argentinean Classic song and a Spanish Hit song) all sung in the Calabrian language.

All these songs were handpicked by CASTALDO who also serves as producer and executive producer of the album along with co-producer and long-time collaborator (fellow Berklee College of Music alum), Norwegian born Stein B. Svendsen. Listeners will feast their ears upon familiar classics all recorded in the Calabrian language. "We're keeping the song list a secret as it will 'blow your mind' when you hear some of them" says Michéal.

This album will be very unique & creative – the songs are sung in Calabrian, going back to Michéal's roots. The Flamenco and Mediterranean tempos bring in a flavor of Greek, Byzantine and Spanish influence.

Why is the CD called Bergamot?

Bergamot = 100% Pure Essential Oil. The Bergamot is an inedible citrus fruit resembling a cross (Hybrid) between an orange and a grapefruit but in a pear-shape. The fruit ripens from green to yellow. 80% of the world's Bergamot is grown, cultivated and produced in Calabria, Italy (Michéal's native region of Italy) at the tip of the toe of the Italian Peninsula. Earl Grey tea is a black tea flavored by the **oil of bergamot**. 50% of all the perfumes and fragrances produced around the world contain the essential oil from Calabrian **Bergamot**, the highest quality in the world.

The first 100 Limited edition **Bergamot** CD's (\$25) will contain a vial of Michéal's own fragrance called "Musica." All other CD's will be scented with Bergamot...leaving the listener with an essence resembling fresh Calabrian air as they listen to Michéal's new CD creation.

CASTALDO, A Berklee College of Music graduate, is an award-winning Italian classical-crossover tenor whose work has been called..."So jubilant that Scrooge would be moved to gambol with giddy mirth"... by Chuck Taylor (Billboard Magazine) and ..."An amazing Italian tenor"... by Maria Bartiromo CNBC. He has diverse passions in hospitality, olive oil, aged balsamic vinegar and music production. Knowing this, one can understand the entrepreneurial spirit of Michéal CASTALDO. The new album unites all aspects of the artist, his roots to his villa and olive orchard in Calabria and his desire to serve up quality music to feed and now refresh the needs of his listeners.

Michéal's adoration for Olive Oil and his art of making beautiful music, evidenced in his newest release, **BERGAMOT**, creates the perfect love affair and the ultimate gift to dance the night away under the Mediterranean sky.

The **Bergamot** CD will be available on Amazon.com, I-Tunes.com and select lifestyle stores throughout the USA and Canada.

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