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Renowned tenor and Italian crossover singer Michéal Castaldo will be performing in a special Italian Christmas concert at the Mattatuck Museum in Downtown Waterbury. "Natale nel Cuore" (Italian in Your Heart) is set for Sunday afternoon December 15, 2013 at 3:00. Waterbury native soprano Marissa Famiglietti will be appearing on stage with Mr. Castaldo for the first time, and will also be featured in two solos.

Michéal Castaldo, born in the Southern Italian region of Calabria, was raised within the large Italian population of Toronto, and currently resides in New York City. He honed his vocal skills with Maestro Pisapia, a protégé of the great Italian tenor Enrico Caruso, and also studied at the Berkley College of Music in Boston and the Oakwood Collegiate Institute in Toronto. His albums have earned a string of critical world-wide acclaim, and have reached the top of the charts at Amazon.com on several occasions.

"Natale nel Cuore" will feature many songs from Michéal's Christmas album "Extravergine," as well as a few surprises. His vocal power is able to convey subtle nuances whether he is singing in English, Italian, or the several Italian dialects he has mastered including Sicilian, Neapolitan, and his native Calabrese. Being true to his Italian roots, Michéal produces olive oil at his fully-restored family estate in Calabria. Accordingly, his albums such as "Olive You" and "Aceto" advance his personal mission of nourishing the ears, hearts, souls, and bodies of his listeners with Italian culture.

Marissa Famiglietti frequently appears with tenor Michael Amante, and has stunned audiences with her fantastic range, beautiful tonal quality, and vivacious stage presence. She is a graduate of the prestigious Manhattan School of Music.

Tickets for "Natale nel Cuore" are available through the Mattatuck Museum by visiting during regular hours at 144 West Main Street, by calling 203-753-0381 ext. 110, or by visiting the Museum's website: www.MattatuckMuseum.org

Advance-sale regular admission tickets are \$20.00 (Museum members are discounted to \$15.00), and reserved V.I.P. seats (close to the stage) are \$30.00. At the door, general admission tickets are \$25.00 (Museum members \$20.00). Refreshments will be available. The Waterbury Chapter of UNICO National is a sponsor of this concert, which is being produced by Waterbury Alderman Jerry P. Padula.

For more information about the artists, visit their websites: www.MichealCastaldo.com and www.MarissaFamiglietti.com

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