

Michéal, The Person

- Born in Calabria, immigrated to Toronto, now calls New York City home
- The second of four children to Pasquale & Domenica Vittoria Castaldo. Two of Micheal's siblings were orphans that Micheal's parents adopted.
- Forever tied to the Calabria region as he states, "All roads lead back to Calabria for me. That's where I was born and where I spent the first three years of my life. And it's where I learned everything I love."
- Loves sharing his Italian heritage by sharing the best of Italian music through his performances, bringing the finest and freshest olive oil from his family's Calabria orchards, donating his time helping underprivileged youth put aside their illness or blues by taking them on "joy rides" out of the city
- Brings music to schools teaching them the rich heritage of Italian culture and music
- Member-At-Large of Order Sons Of Italy In America of the New York State Grand Lodge. Member of Center For Italian and Italian American Culture in New Jersey.

Michéal, The Philanthropist

- Heads La Dolce Vida Foundation taking underprivileged children, teens and adults suffering from illness and the blues on scenic "joy rides"
- In June of 2009, his company, Majestic Castle Music Productions introduced its latest premiere brand of events and entertainment called "Tuscan Weddings & Events"
- The family villa became a personal project for Michéal after he saw it in disrepair – it is now completely restored and donates usage for fundraisers and discounted rentals to get people to experience the Calabria region
- Donates time, goods and services to local OSIA lodges with Olive Oil Tastings helping them raise funds for charities while teaching them about his business in Calabria
- Has helped charitable organizations raise over \$150,000 dollars via silent auctions, olive oil tastings, performances for UNICO, Boys & Girls Club, OSIA, American Cancer Society, numerous educational institutions, foundations and organizations

Michéal, The Entrepreneur

- Michéal's family olive oil orchards in Calabria (now numbering over 20,000 orchards in the foothills of Aspromonte) have been in the family for three generations
- Started importing olive oil in 2004 through the "New York City Olive Oil Coop" to the United States direct from Famiglia Pelegrino to the discerning connoisseur
- In 2009 he launched "Tuscan Weddings and Events" which is a reverse destination event, where he brings Tuscany to your weddings, parties or events
- Introduced in (2008) 25-year old aged balsamic vinegar. Micheal's dad Pasquale was a cooper (barrel maker) in Italy for various wineries and acetaia family's from Modena. Brought via Famiglia Leonardi (Micheal's grandmother's maiden name) a branch of one of the most famous Balsamic Vinegar making families in Italy.
- In 2003, Michéal personally oversaw the complete 3 year restoration (from design to final décor) of his family's villa (Villetta Mimma Vittoria) after he saw it in disrepair – it is now completely restored and donates usage for fundraisers and discounted rentals to get people to experience the Calabria region.

- Since 1986 Micheal has been an in-demand studio vocalist session musician singing on radio and TV commercials such as Burlington Coat Factory, E-File, Herbal Essence, Coca Cola, Ford, E-File, Bertoli, Huggies and FIAT.

Michéal, The Artist

- Michéal is a songwriter, producer, remixer, arranger and singer
- Studied voice at an early age including prestigious Oakwood Collegiate Institute in Toronto and Berklee College of Music in Boston.
- Studied voice with Maestro Pisapia a protégé of Enrico Caruso
- Classified as a crossover-classical artist
- Five (5) full-length albums, numerous singles
- Current single from the forthcoming album, “Olive You – Classic Italian Songs to Feed the Heart and Soul” already garnered three #1 positions on Amazon.com with “PRAY’R” the first single off of the album
- Has garnered critical acclaim from numerous press outlets such as Billboard Magazine, Celebrity Café, La Gazzetta Italiana, L’esperienza Magazine, Voce Italiana, SonicScoop, Hamptons.com, America Oggi, Fra Noi, and Corriere Canadese
- Numerous music videos get viral airplay on YouTube with current tracks “Brucia La Terra,” “Hallelujah” and “Guarda Questa Terra” having over 117,000+ overall views thus far.
- Numerous award winner including OSIA NY Donatello Lodge – Positive Image Award (’12), #3 Classical Crossover Performer from European Tourism Board (2012), #1 Indie Award from Classical Crossover UK (2011) Academy of Calabria Rome-Toronto honoree (’96), Songwriters Hall of Fame (’88), Center for Art & Culture (’00), Hudson Guild’s Outstanding Volunteer Recognition (’02), NARAS (’05), L’esperienza Magazine - MVP Exemplifying the Italian American Experience (’07) and Male vocalist of the decade award (’10), OSIA NJ Grand Lodge – Positive Image Award (’10)

Michéal, The Music Business Executive

- In 1999, Micheal was tapped by award winning composer/producer Jim Papoulis to manage his boutique record label ‘Vital Records, Inc’. Micheal oversaw the daily operations, production, licensing, promotion, marketing and distribution of the “Sounds of a Better World” recordings. Artist such as Odetta, Jeffrey Holder, Harlem Boys Choir, Martha Wash, Wendy Moten, Tokyo String Quartet and Matt Goss were involved in the project. A full concert production at Carnegie Hall with over 2000 in attendance took place on January 11, 2001.
- In 1993 Micheal produced and co-wrote a Billboard charting dance single ‘Goin Krazy’ for 6 time Grammy award winning artist Jose Feliciano. He was instrumental in getting Jose back in the public eye, positioned to get signed again by a major label.
- Voting member of NARAS, NMPA, RIAA, & SAG . Affiliated with SESAC & SOCAN as writer/publisher, Alt. board member of Songwriters Guild of America.