

# **OLIVE YOU, OLIVE YOU, OLIVE YOU!**

(Fans will be singing these praises to singer Micheal Castaldo long after hearing his spectacular new album...."Olive You"! I've been playing this CD for several hours now and everyone who hears it says the very same thing... Micheal... "OLIVE YOU!" *By Cookie Curci*

To his many followers, Micheal Castaldo symbolizes poetry, originality, tradition, creativity and most of all... the Italian spirit. It's that spirit the listener hears in every song Micheal sings. It's as if his instincts refuse to perform a song that is lacking in poetry and spirit. Perhaps that's why his latest CD, "Olive You", is filled with all these ingredients of the heart and soul of music. And it explains why this CD has rocketed to the top of the charts in advanced sales long before its official release date.

It has been said that Italian tenors are as plentiful as the stars in the sky and as alike as the pennies in a pond. I will agree that Italian singers are plentiful, but they are as unique from one another as they are many. For as many tenors as there are in this world, there are only a handful who are as gifted or as involved in the creative aspect of their career as Micheal Castaldo. Micheal not only is the executive producer of his albums, but he also performs his own original music, writes his own arrangements and/or works with others in the creation of his songs. Each time, bringing something different of himself to his music. And that difference is what creates a rare and unique talent such as Calabria born Micheal Castaldo.

His most recent collaborative album, **OLIVE YOU**, is already #3 on the Amazon sales chart before its official release Jan 31, 2012. It didn't take me long to understand why this album is so popular with the puritan Italian music lovers. **OLIVE YOU** contains classic song tracks along with songs that have been previously released, but completely re-mastered and given that ever so special authentic touch from a master tenor who has learned his craft well and brings to it the heritage of years of training. Castaldo is the producer and executive producer of this album along with co-producer and collaborator, Stein B. Sevendsen, who co-wrote the cross over top hit tune, "PRAY'R."

How many times have we all heard, "The Theme from The Godfather?" Well, I can tell you when you hear it sung on this bright new CD you will be in for a delightful interpretation. "BRUCIA LA TERRA" is sung in a true Sicilian dialect, with an arrangement that is not only unique, but offers the listener a new and exciting change from the usual interpretation. Along with this famous traditional theme song, the album is full of classics and also new songs, keeping the listener anticipating each sound track.

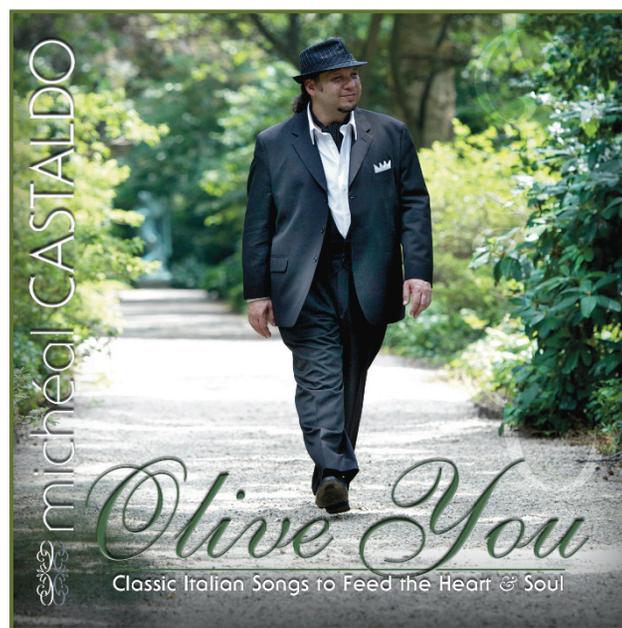
When fans, male and female, hear this song, *Questo e Amore*, (This is Love) they will understand completely the passion of Micheal Castaldo expressed in this song. Even if the listeners don't understand one word of the Italian language, they will understand the power of each expressive lyric. Every lover's heart knows this song, "CORE 'N GRATO;" (Ungrateful

Heart) sung with only the feeling that a man of poetry and love can sing it. So many great songs on this album, among them: The newly re-mastered duet co-written by CASTALDO and Jim

Papoulis and co-sung with Carol Papoulis "MIO CUORE;" and the re-mastered hit, "GUARDA QUESTA TERRA;" the hit Italian Classical Crossover mainstay, "CON TE PARTIRO;" a re-mastered "NOTTE DI LUCE (Nights In White Satin);" of all the songs, this one is the greatest surprise of them all... a great American classic song on it own, yes, but after you hear it performed by Micheal Castaldo, you will agree with me that it never sounded better. ..., "IL MONDO" is sung to perfection allowing Micheal to express his talent to the fullest. With one Spanish track on the album "EN ARANJUEZ CON TU AMOR, Castaldo has produced a truly remarkable and extraordinary CD for the true music lover.

There is one song that I would like the listener to pay close attention to. It's an original and it's message is for the world to hear. "DANCIN' TO A DIFFERENT BEAT", when you play this song, really listen to the lyrics and you will understand just what Micheal Castaldo is all about, and why he is so admired and delighted by his fan base, who have found in him a talented singer who cares deeply about his music, about people and about the world he lives in.

The international fusion of cultures and musicians has resulted in a spectacular CD album. Aside from recording CDs, Micheal has toured both in the US and abroad. The "OLIVE YOU" CD WILL BE RELEASED FOR SALE JAN 31, 2012.



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