

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
INDIE CLASSICALCROSSOVER ARTIST, MICHEAL CASTALDO ANNOUNCES THE CD RELEASE OF
BERGAMOT

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

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NEW YORK, NY JUNE 17, 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, “**CALABRISELLA MIA**”, was released to great acclaim for its sound and happy positive feeling it gives to fans on all social media.

The album, BERGAMOT, serves up **12** songs (Classic Italian songs, Original songs, Calabrian Folk songs, American Hit songs, 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 beautifully mixed by Ric Schnupp.

Without Love Where Would You Be Now (Senza Amuri) and **Listen To The Music** (Senti a Musica), these Hit songs, originally recorded by the Doobie Bros., will surely knock your socks off. **Hero** (Eroi), the Hit song recorded by Enrique Iglesias will have you begging to be saved by Castaldo. **Temptation Down in Rio** (Riu), **Waitin' For You** (Spetu Pe Tia) and **Glimpse of Heaven** (Travedu U Paradisu), original songs co-written by Castaldo, are so infectious you'll catch yourself singing the chorus to all these songs right away. **Un Amor** (Na Muri), the Hit song by the Gypsy Kings slows the tempo down and romances you. **Hotel California** - what else can be said about this Hit song written by The Eagles? Castaldo's remake takes it to a whole other level and goes so deep into the underbelly of southern Italy that you can't imagine. **Have You Ever Really Loved a Woman** (Si Ami Na Fimina) - this Hit song by Canadian artist Bryan Adams is the way the song would have been recorded if it was kept true to its Flamenco origins. **Calabria Bella**, an obscure folk song that pays homage to the Calabrian brain drain immigrant story, recorded tastefully simple by Castaldo and noted Flamenco guitarist, Espiritu Gitano, will give you the chills. **Mauresqua**; the main flamenco guitarist on this CD, Francesco Grant (from Rome Italy), is featured on this instrumental track, reminding you of the time when southern Italy was closer to northern Africa than part of Europe.

To top off the CD, Castaldo has decided to add instrumental sing-along versions of his three above original songs, so that his fans can learn and sing along with him in Calabrian at concerts.

This album is very unique & very creative – the songs are sung in Calabrian, going back to Michéal's roots. The Flamenco vocal ad libs, provided by singer **Alfonso Cid** from Spain along with the Mediterranean tempos will bring in a flavor of Greek, Byzantine and Spanish influence. Former Billboard Magazine editor, **Chuck Taylor**, got a “sneak peak” listen of **Bergamot** and proclaims that **Riu** and **Senti a Musica** are 2 MEGA HIT songs on this CD.

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** (former editor 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 leaving you with a unique experience that transcends all the senses.

The **Bergamot** CD will be available on Amazon.com, I-Tunes.com and select lifestyle stores throughout the USA and Canada on June 25, 2013.

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