

## **Award-Winning Italian Tenor Micheal Castaldo to Perform at Christmas Benefit Concert Dec. 13**

*A live concert, including songs from Castaldo's Chart-Topping CD, "Extravergine: Christmas in the Mediterranean," and benefiting the National Shrine of St. Gerard, will be emceed by PBS television host and radio personality, Jim Masters. Tickets are on sale for \$25 at [BrownPaperTickets.com](http://BrownPaperTickets.com).*

Newark, NJ ([PRWEB](http://PRWEB)) November 06, 2013 -- An Italian Christmas Concert and benefit for the National Shrine of St. Gerard will feature award-winning Italian tenor Micheal Castaldo at Saint Lucy's Church, 118 Seventh Ave., Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. (St. Lucy's Day) Castaldo will sing classic Italian carols from his best-selling album, "Extravergine: Christmas in the Mediterranean," accompanied by the John J. Cali School of Music Strings. PBS television host and radio personality, Jim Masters, will emcee the event, which includes the concert and after-show refreshments. Tickets are on sale now for \$25 through Brown Paper Tickets at <http://castaldochristmasconcert121313.bpt.me/>, or by calling 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006.

"This concert will capture your heart and imagination with the spirit of the holidays and the Old World charm of a traditional Italian Christmas," said Rev. Luigi Zanotto of St. Lucy's Church, which has preserved traditions for generations of families who have worshipped there since the parish was founded by Italian immigrants in 1891. "Even those who don't speak Italian will be moved by the setting, the songs and by Micheal's powerful and melodic voice."

"Extravergine" offers sacred, liturgical carols sung in Italian or Latin. Seasonal favorites include "Oh Santa Notte" (Oh Holy Night), "E Nato Il Bambino Gesu" (What Child Is This?), "Batte Nel Cuore, Suona Natale" (Little Drummer Boy), "Gioia Nel Mondo" (Joy To The World), "Puoi Sentire Quel' Che Sent Io?" (Do You Hear What I Hear?), and "Astro Del Ciel" (Silent Night). Castaldo himself also translated the well-known Polish carol, "Jezus Malusuenki" now entitled, "Piccolo Jesu." Completing the perfect package, Castaldo will sing "Gloria In Excelsis Deo," "Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle," "Va Pensiero" and "Adeste Fideles."

The following organizations are partnering with Micheal Castaldo to help promote the Italian culture and heritage at this Italian Christmas concert: The Italian Tribune, Coccia Foundation, UNICO, Sempre Avanti, Federation of Italian American Societies of NJ, Comitato Italiano di Santa Brigida, Investors Bank and Brown Paper Tickets. Post concert refreshments will be generously donated by Palazzone 1960 of Wayne, NJ, De Paolo Bakery and Hot Bagels-N-Morøf Verona, NJ.

For more information, go to [www.michealCASTALDO.com](http://www.michealCASTALDO.com), contact Majestic Castle Music at 877-642-7271 or send an email to [majesticcastlemusic@yahoo.com](mailto:majesticcastlemusic@yahoo.com).

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