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PRESS RELEASE

NOVEMBER 14, 2008: NICO DEI GABBIANI & SALVATORE RANDAZZO IN CONCERT IN AKRON



Akron, OH - "Le Radici" club presented an elegant musical evening on Friday, November 14 at North High School in Akron, OH. The community musical concert was organized as a benefit to the Joshua Miktarian Fund. Joshua Miktarian's life ended tragically on July 13, 2008 while the Twinsburg patrolman was executing a traffic stop and arrest. His love did not extend only onto his family but to the many friends and community members he came in touch with. He was also an accomplished guitarist with the rock group "Barium" and was also a Pizza shop owner. The Italian community of Akron wanted to remember and honor a friend and community member through the concert.

Patrizia Argentieri and Tony Marotta were mistress and master of ceremony for the evening. Both share much experience and knowledge of Italian culture and people and music.

Andrea Anelli opened with the Italian and American national anthems. Andrea heads *Opera per Tutti* (Opera for all) - a new opera company presenting arias, duets and ensembles from *La Traviata*, *La Boheme* and other lyrical selections.

Oro Puro (Pure Gold), an established Italian American group, opened the evening. Their music celebrates love and beauty through an interesting mix of tasteful nostalgic Italian American pop, contemporary, and progressive rhythms.

Salvatore Randazzo, a native of Palermo (Sicily), is one of Italy's emerging and most noticeable tenors. At the age of 24, Salvatore has already received many favorable reviews from critics. His powerful and passionate voice surprised almost everyone present at the event.

Nico dei Gabbiani closed the evening with his highly energized and skilled performance. He brought audience members to the late 1960s-early 1970s when his greatest hits filled Italian radio stations: *Parole* (1968), *Fiume di Parole* (1970), *Cento Campane* (1971), *Io Credo* (1975), *Dedica* (1980). He also included some Sicilian songs written and composed by him during his time in Milan, Italy.