



## **Singer-Songwriter Jon Michaels Named Winter 2012 Featured Michelle's Angel Artist**

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Clarence, NY January 17, 2012 -- The Michelle's Angels Foundation Inc. (MAF) today announced its Featured Angel Artist - Winter 2012 is Jon Michaels of Columbia, South Carolina. Jon Michaels follows singer-songwriters A.J. Masters, Ken Harrell, Tom Kimmel, Kim Parent, Nicole Witt, Tonja Rose, Rob Harris, and Tom Rasely as a featured musical artist on the foundation's website [www.MichellesAngels.com](http://www.MichellesAngels.com). Visitors to the foundation's website are able to learn more about Jon's career, as well as listen to his gift of music free of any charges or fees.

Michelle's Angels Foundation's mission is to provide love, hope and assistance to people facing any one of life's illnesses or challenges. The Angels Artists, through their music on the site, provide beauty and compassion, a welcome respite for many. Michelle's Angels' musicians and volunteers give -- because as the organization's slogan states "People need to know someone cares."

Jon Michaels grew up a long way from country music, listening to singer-songwriters like Jackson Browne, Jim Croce and Harry Chapin in the L.A. suburbs. After graduating from Glendale College, Jon began a career as a financial planner. But he couldn't leave behind his love for the well-written song, and by night he began playing at clubs in L.A. In 1992, music brought him to Nashville for his first visit; he stayed a week and was hooked. "Nashville is graduate school. It's where you really learn about songwriting," adds Jon.

Along the way, a Philadelphia TV show hostess named Christina Pirello heard Jon play his music at the Bluebird and invited him to perform on *Christina Cooks*, her natural foods cooking program on PBS. The response was overwhelming, and in three seasons, Jon wrote and performed 52 original songs for a national audience. And in one of his more unusual moments of fame, Jon was featured in the "Nancy" comic strip after its creators caught one of Jon's shows.

Jon has produced three of his own CDs: *I Hear a Clock*, *I Am Who I Am*, and *Stones*, recorded at Douglas Corner, a live album that truly captures the spirit, grace, warmth and emotion of Jon's music and performance. Most recently, Grammy-nominated Ty Herndon recorded "Stones," and released it as his first single.

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Nashville had one more gift for Jon. He met and married Jeannie, who was working as a tour manager for acts like Lone Star and Jessica Andrews. Today, the Michaels' family lives in South Carolina. Jon is currently a financial advisor for a leading firm in Columbia, and also performs on bills with B.J. Thomas, John Sebastian and the Kingston Trio.

“Jon’s music reflects the Michelle’s Angels Foundation’s spirit and compassion,” said MAF President, Herb Knoll. “Jon co-wrote the touching "*Until We Meet Again*" with Dinah Brein after her mother's passing. Jon sung it at his own mother’s funeral. It’s one of the many highlights on his *I Hear a Clock* CD. It’s quite fitting that Jon is gifting his music to those who come to our website needing comfort and encouragement.”

For more information on the Angel Artists and MAF, visit <http://www.michellesangels.com>.

### **About Michelle’s Angels Foundation, Inc. (MAF) Clarence, New York**

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