

Michelle Wright

fun facts

PERSONAL

Birth Date	July 1
Birthplace	Chatham, Ontario, Canada
Hometown	Merlin, Ontario, Canada
Current Residence	Nashville, Tennessee, USA
Instruments	Guitar
Hobbies	Gardening, sports, and cooking
Education	Attended college. Studied counseling for mentally/physically challenged individuals
Physical	Brown hair, brown eyes
First Public Performance	In seventh grade, Michelle performed <i>Satin Sheets</i> with her mom and brother in the school talent show
First Paid Job In Music	At 17, Michelle performed with 'The Marquees'
Other Early Jobs	Michelle helped her mom run a restaurant and work on the farm, sold Electrolux vacuum cleaners and Mary Kay cosmetics. Later, waitressing and counseling mentally/physically challenged individuals
Personal Achievement	Success in sports (track and field meets, volleyball and basketball) in high school.
Early Ambition	To be an Olympic athlete
Musical Background	First started playing drums as a child then switched to playing guitar in her teens
Pets	Five dogs - Gracie, Winter, Lycos, Bella and Sophia
First Song Ever Written	<i>Reaching For The Stars</i>

MICHELLE'S FAVORITES

Favorite Artists	Keith Urban, Merle Haggard, Garth Brooks, Sting, Aretha, Tammy Wynette
Musical Influences	The Supremes, Annie Lennox, Marvin Gaye, Bonnie Raitt, Carole King
Christmas Songs	<i>White Christmas, Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas, Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer, I Know Santa's Been Here</i>
Actor/Actress	Robert De Niro/Julia Roberts
Albums	<i>WHITE LADDER</i> - David Gray; <i>TAPESTRY</i> - Carole King; <i>MEDUSA</i> - Annie Lennox; <i>NICK OF TIME</i> - Bonnie Raitt
Childhood Pet	Fluffy the Dog
Christmas	2001 when she got engaged to Marco Convertino
Christmas Movie	<i>It's A Wonderful Life</i>
Christmas Pastime	Decorating the house and tree and putting the lights up
Clothes	Anything comfortable
Foods	Pizza, the legendary Convertino pasta sauce
Place To Relax	Home
Place To Visit	Anywhere near the ocean (except in hurricane season)
Sports	Volleyball, basketball
Television Show	'The Simpsons'

SPECIAL INTERESTS

- Michelle was the Honorary Chairperson for 'Operation C.A.T. Scan', a fundraising campaign that raised almost two million dollars for St. Joseph's Hospital in Chatham, Ontario (the hospital where Michelle was born). The campaign raised money for the hospital to purchase its first C.A.T. Scan machine.
- Michelle was Celebrity Spokesperson for the 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games and contributed to the *Power Of Peace* CD celebrating the 50th anniversary of CARE. In June of 2002, Michelle traveled to Zambia to film a television special for World Vision, the child sponsorship organization. It was a life-changing experience for her: Zambia is one of the poorest countries in the world, and in some areas over 60% of the Zambian population is HIV positive. She followed up her Zambian experience with a trip to Honduras for World Vision in June of 2004. Michelle now sponsors both a Zambian family and a Honduran family, and continues to help out World Vision whenever and wherever she can.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Induction into Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame (2011)
- Being presented with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of her contributions to Canadian culture and civic life (2012)
- Winning first CCMA Female Vocalist of the Year award (1990)
- Performing on 'The Tonight Show with Jay Leno' (1993)
- Winning the ACM Top New Female Vocalist award (1993)
- First Canadian tour as a headliner (1995)
- Recording own song *What Love Looks Like* for *FOR ME IT'S YOU* (1996)
- Acting debut ('Due South' 1998)
- First songwriting award (SOCAN Award for *I Surrender* 2001)
- Involvement with World Vision (ongoing)
- First book written (*A Year in the Life: The Journals of Michelle Wright* 2005)
- Canadian Forces Show Tour to Afghanistan May, 2006 to perform for Canadian and NATO troops stationed there

Favorite Songs Ever Written

I Surrender, Strong, When I Found You, Broken, I Will Be There, Everything And More

Awards

Over 30 industry awards

Television Specials

'MICHELLE WRIGHT: SONGS & SECRETS' - CBC, 1996; 'MICHELLE' – CBC, TNN, 1992

Television Appearances

'Due South' - CTV, TNT;
'The Tonight Show with Jay Leno' - NBC;
'ACM Awards Show' - NBC;
'CMA Awards Show' - CBS;
'The Road' - Syndicated;
'Prime Time Country' - TNN;
'The Women Of Country' - CBS, PBS;
'Music City Tonight' - TNN;
'CCMA Awards Show' - CBC (1995 Host);
'TNN/Music City News Awards Show' - TNN (1994 Co-Host);
'The Transatlantic Sessions' – BBC;
Remembering Patsy' – PBS

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