

# michelle Wright

## facts

### PERSONAL

Birth Date	July 1
Birthplace	Chatham, Ontario, Canada
Hometown	Merlin, Ontario, Canada
Current Residence	Nashville, Tennessee, USA
Instruments	Guitar
Hobbies	Gardening and cooking
Education	Studied counseling for mentally/physically challenged individuals at Fanshaw College in London, ON
Physical	Brown hair, brown eyes
Early Jobs	Michelle worked on the family farm. She also sold Electrolux vacuum cleaners and Mary Kay cosmetics door-to-door. Later, waitressing and counseling mentally/physically challenged individuals.

Personal Achievements	Success in track and field, volleyball and basketball while in high school.
Early Ambition	To be an Olympic athlete
Pets	Two dogs - Bella and Sophia
First Public Performance	In seventh grade, Michelle performed the country classic "Satin Sheets" with her mom and brother in the school talent show.
First Paid Job In Music	At age 17, Michelle joined the Ontario based band The Marquees. A year later she joined another local band, The Melody Ramblers and then 2 years after that she joined Wild Oats, her first touring road band.
First Song Ever Written	"Reaching For The Stars" at the age of 20. Michelle wrote this song her first week on the road with Wild Oats. Five years later she recorded it on her first album <i>Do Right By Me</i> .

### MICHELLE'S FAVORITES

Songs Ever Written	"Picking a favorite song is like picking my favorite dog, but I Surrender (included on <i>Michelle's Greatest Hits</i> CD released in 2000) was my first Top 10 as a writer so it will always be special.
Song Recorded	"Take It Like A Man" (included on the <i>Now And Then</i> CD released in 1992) has to be really high on that list. It was my first #1 in Canada, and a Top Ten in the US and even went to #18 in the Canadian AC Charts.
Christmas Songs	<i>White Christmas, Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas, Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer, I Know Santa's Been Here</i>
Christmas	2001 when she got engaged to Marco Convertino
Christmas Movie	<i>It's A Wonderful Life</i>
Christmas Pastime	Decorating the house, the tree and preparing to celebrate with friends and family
Clothes	Anything comfortable
Foods	Pizza and the legendary Convertino pasta sauce that her husband makes from a secret Italian family recipe
Place To Relax	Home
Place To Visit	Anywhere near the ocean (except in hurricane season)
Sports	Volleyball, basketball
Television Show	<i>Comedians In Cars Getting Coffee</i>

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- "Starting my latest studio project with producer Bob Funk!" 2017
- Being presented with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of her contributions to Canadian culture and civic life (2012)
- Induction into Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame (2011)
- Canadian Forces Show Tour to Afghanistan May, 2006 to perform for Canadian and NATO troops stationed there
- First book written (*A Year in the Life: The Journals of Michelle Wright* (2005))
- A staunch advocate for children and families, Michelle traveled to Zambia in 2002 as an ambassador for the child sponsorship organization World Vision. Filming a television special in what was at the time; one of the poorest countries in the world was a truly life-changing experience for Michelle. Also on behalf of World Vision, she traveled to Honduras in 2004 and to the Dominican Republic in 2015 and has continued her support of World Vision's efforts today.
- First songwriting award (SOCAN Award for *I Surrender* 2001)
- Acting debut ('Due South' 1998)
- Celebrity Spokesperson for the 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games and contributed music to the *Power Of Peace* CD celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CARE.
- Recording own song *What Love Looks Like* for *FOR ME IT'S YOU* (1996)
- First Canadian tour as a headliner (1995)
- Performing on 'The Tonight Show with Jay Leno' (1993)
- Winning the ACM Top New Female Vocalist award (1993)
- Touring with Randy Travis, Alabama, Kenny Rogers and George Strait early in her career
- Winning first CCMA Female Vocalist of the Year award (1990)

## 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  
CCMA Awards Show