

When **Raymond Michael** was a freshman operatic voice major and football player at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, CA, he was asked to represent the football team on a panel when a hypnotist show came on campus. The hypnotist asked Michael to perform as Elvis; he did, received a standing ovation, and has been performing as Elvis ever since. In fact, 15 years ago he completed a successful tour commemorating the 25th anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley. A highlight for any Elvis fan, this mid-western tour found Michael performing in the same venues Presley did during his last concert tour.

Michael has performed for eleven summers at Knott's Berry Farm, five summers at Six Flags Over Georgia, at five other Six Flags Parks, in main showrooms in Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe and Reno, on national network, international and cable television shows, and in major concert tours of the United States, Canada and the world. He was featured in the "Where's Your Moustache?" milk print advertisement, and also served as technical advisor and performer for a national television commercial featuring the likeness of Elvis. Michael also performs in numerous corporate shows, has had his own, hour long, national cable television special, and has been featured in several MTV music videos. Recently he took part in advertising print campaigns for both Los Angeles Metro and Nokia phones. Dick Clark, "Granddaddy of Rock 'n' Roll," selected Michael as one of the best Elvis tribute acts in the world. Michael's Tribute to the King of Rock 'n' Roll is also a hit at numerous city concerts and county & state fairs. He owns over thirty jumpsuits that are exact replicas of Elvis Presley's, most of them made by Gene Doucette – the man who designed all of Elvis' jumpsuits. In addition to his Elvis act, Michael also does great tributes to Tom Jones and Engelbert Humperdinck, which is part of his Casino Superstars Show.

When not performing as Elvis, Michael teaches chorus and musical show production at Moorpark High School, and also coaches high school and youth basketball. He has received several honors and awards, including NBC 4 Television's Crystal Apple Award for Teaching Excellence, the High Street Theatre Foundation's Champion of the Arts Award, the City of Moorpark Educator of the Year, and the Boys & Girls Club's Champion of Youth award. In 2016 he was also named one of the "Top Ten People of Moorpark." When time permits, Michael will take to the stage as the lead in a musical or opera or serve as a guest artist with local orchestras. He is married and has four sons.

Long recognized as one of the best Elvis tribute acts around, Michael continues to perform in a variety of venues – from local, city concerts to national television. Raymond Michael plans to continue to keep the memory of Elvis alive by doing his upbeat, classy and entertaining Tribute to the King of Rock & Roll for years to come. For booking information, call (805) 340-7348, e-mail raymondmichael2000@yahoo.com, or visit www.raymondmichael.com