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## George Michael Reborn – Tribute to George Michael

George Michael Reborn is an incredible tribute to the late George Michael and the music of Wham! Performances are professional and suitable for fans of all ages. Robert Bartko channels George Michael through his live vocals, energy, and musical passion. Crowds cannot resist dancing and singing along to the loved hits, "Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go" and standing ovations for "Careless Whisper."

Robert is not just a George Michael look-alike, but offers a talented musical performance. His vocal range, dance moves, crowd interaction, and charisma leaves fans cheering for encores.

*In about eighth or ninth grade when George Michael's music started to get popular, I had so many people, including teachers, say how much I look like this guy in the hot new band called Wham!" Bartko said. "I remember going to a friend's house to listen to Wham!, and when he put it on, it was like my heart had found its musical home. When I opened my mouth to sing along, I sounded like George.*

Growing up, Robert played sports and took drama classes. His creative interests included music and dance, and he became a fan of Wham! and George Michael in the '80s. By the 1990s, Bartko worked producing songs for acts such as Korn ("A.D.I.D.A.S. Level X Mix," "Wicked" and "All in the Family" which featured Fred Durst) and popular dance artist Stevie B.

Robert was performing his own songs for a time, and then experienced a resurgence of his dance career in 2018. While working, a booking agent called him to perform a show and said, "'Man, you look and sound just like George Michael. If you could put together a George Michael act, we could book it a lot more than we could book you on your own."

The sense of loss that Robert felt when Michael died on Christmas 2016 steered him closer towards creating the tribute show, and in early 2019 the dream became real and his first show was sold out. In late 2019, Robert had the opportunity to perform with Wham! bassist Deon Estus—who also played on George Michael's first two solo albums—"Faith" and "Listen Without Prejudice Vol. 1". Sadly, Deon passed away in October of 2021, putting future combined performances to a halt.

With both George and Deon gone, Robert felt the desire and responsibility to keep Michael's music alive via his own professional tribute show. Since then, George Michael Reborn has toured successfully across the country.

Much of the George Michael Reborn show is loosely based upon George Michael's 1988 "Faith" tour, as Bartko loves performing the material from that era. The show highlights his incredible vocal range and uplifting spirit. As both a solo act and a tribute performer, Bartko has provided audiences with a dazzling show that is classic while being fun and fresh.

George Michael Reborn is sure to impress your guests at your next party, event, conference, wedding, or special gathering! Perfect for intimate events as well as big concerts—stunning shows at casinos, theaters, festivals, and more.



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*"I've been to tribute shows before, and this is the best by far. Great energy, terrific voice, and all the moves. Totally enjoyed this fun evening, with a great performer who rocked the room. See him now before all his shows get sold out. It's that good."*

**–Lyn (fan at The Canyon Santa Clarita)**

*"His voice is amazing and just like George Michael's!! We had a great time singing Wham! UK, Wham! and solo hits!! A definite must see for his fans!!"*

**–Troy Spissman**

*"It was fantastic!!! As a huge George Michael fan those 2 hours felt like 10 minutes... perfect voice, perfect vibes! Can't recommend enough!!"*

**–Manue (fan at The Canyon Santa Clarita)**

*"The show is worth its weight in gold. For those of us who grew up in the 80's and 90's and didn't get to see him live this is a very unique experience with very talented performances. Will definitely see them again!! Thank you Robert Bartko for bringing it all back!!!"*

**–Felix Rivas**

*"The George Michael Tribute last night was 'Amazing' (one of GM's songs)... Thanks for giving me my moment of being a teenager again with the likeness of my favorite musician whose Yes poster was on my bedroom wall. I might not have made it to the Faith Tour in '88, but Saturday evening you gave me a little of that back... You're the best!!!"*

**–Sheila Sharma, Sacramento, CA**

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