

Welcome Home, Mr. Michael Bush--1976 East Graduate!



Los Angeles, California...September 3, 2013 ...Michael Bush, fashion designer and author of the award-winning book *The King of Style: Dressing Michael Jackson* will be honored by his hometown of Portsmouth, Ohio with a permanent position on the city's Wall of Fame on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 10am. Bush who served as Michael Jackson's longtime personal fashion designer for 25 years is originally from Portsmouth, Ohio and has family who still lives in the town located on the northern banks of the Ohio River in Southern Ohio. The Portsmouth Wall of Fame features murals and autographs of past celebrities such as Roy Rogers, American operatic soprano Kathleen Battle, former Major League Baseball's Al Oliver and Country music singer/songwriter Earl Thomas Conley and others. The Wall of Fame Star ceremony kicks off a week-long book signing tour which will also go to Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus and also Huntington West Virginia.

Bush's book *The King of Style: Dressing Michael Jackson* has recently won the Gold Medal at this year's Independent Publisher Book Awards (IPPY) and the 2013 Gold Medal at the PubWest Design Awards for best Holiday/Specialty Book.

For 25 years Michael Bush designed stage and personal fashions for Michael Jackson, traveling the world and becoming one of his most trusted friends. Bush will quickly tell you that it was a fascinating adventure and that Jackson set the trends of fashion which will continue to stand the test of time. Mingling with celebrities, crisscrossing the globe and creating fashions fit for any show is what made up the last twenty five years of Bush's life with Jackson. Creating the fashions for the King of Pop was a collaborative effort which included great creativity, showmanship and a bit of engineering. Bush also created fashions for Elizabeth Taylor, Britney Spears and others. Bush left Portsmouth and headed to Las Vegas where he began his career in entertainment and fashion with partner Dennis Tompkins. Together they became known as Tompkins & Bush who went on to influence the fashion industry in a way they couldn't even imagine.

*The King of Style: Dressing Michael Jackson* is an art-driven book which not only chronicles Bush's life with the King of Pop and his many fashions but gives an inside look into the personal anecdotes and life he led while creating some of the most innovative and famous clothing in entertainment.

The Wall of Fame Star ceremony is open to the public and admittance is free. Bush will also appear in surrounding cities that week for official book signing events in Columbus, Cincinnati and Huntington W Va. For more information go to [www.dressingmichaeljackson.com](http://www.dressingmichaeljackson.com)