

Milan, Italy (HIStory World Tour)

Daniele Nannuzzi, friend of film director Franco Zeffirelli. ["Julien's Auctions" listing \(November 27, 2009\) \(archived\)](#)

My name is Daniele Nannuzzi, close friend and business partner of Franco Zeffirelli, a very famous movies director in Italy.

In 1997 on day 17th [of June], we had the pleasure to meet backstage Mr. Michael Jackson just before the beginning of "The 3 Tenors" show in Modena, performed by Luciano Pavarotti, Jose Carreras, and Placido Domingo; we sat in first row, and Mr. Jackson was next to Mr. Zeffirelli and Mrs. Nicoletta Mantovani, Mr. Pavarotti's wife.

After the show, we all met backstage, where Mr. Pavarotti went out with the idea to organize an event to fundraising the Italian Cancer Foundation: Mr. Jackson wanted to be part of it, telling us he was going to send some private items as soon as he returned to Milan, where the next day he was going to perform a live show.

On day 19th [of June], we received this wonderful pair of shoes Mr. Jackson wore on stage in Milano on day 18th, along with a black fedora signed as well.

Unfortunately, the event never took place...