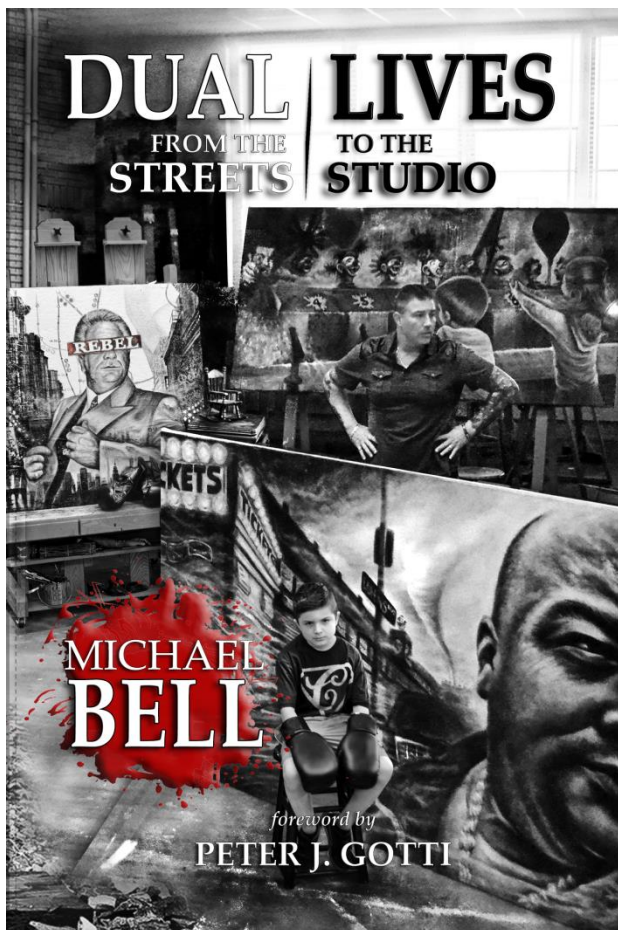


# ***Michael Bell kicks off DUAL LIVES book tour, will sign copies of memoir first in Maryland, Delaware and PA***

ANNAPOLIS, MD., August 17, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- **Michael Bell**, renowned artist and 3-time national award winning educator of the year most famous for his portraits of John Gotti, Dominic Capone and numerous actors from *the Sopranos* kicks off a book-signing tour through MBELLART Productions, LLC to share stories from his memoir [\*DUAL LIVES: from the Streets to the Studio\*](#). This tour will take him to cities across the United States, often as “Dual Signings” with various celebrity clientele in his book.



Bell is kicking off his tour in Maryland at [\*Kicked Up Fitness\*](#), located at 1927 Lincoln Avenue in Annapolis on **Saturday, September 23rd from 12 to 2 p.m.**

Admission is free to the public, provided you bring a pre-purchased copy of *DUAL LIVES*, which is available on [Amazon.com](#). Follow the link at <http://www.DUALLIVES.com>. You must show your copy of the book at the door in order to gain admission.

While hosting a book signing at a boxing gym might seem somewhat unusual, this event will bring different people together for a unique event to celebrate the success of a highly celebrated icon in the local community who has devoted twenty-two years of service to Anne Arundel County.

For Bell, doing his first book signing in the boxing gym with his ten year-old son, known as “Lil’ C the Butcher”, is something he simply wouldn’t have any other way.

“**The Boxing gym** is where *Dual Lives* really began,” Bell explained. “I signed our son up for boxing at age seven so he could handle himself against bullies in school. This was one year before his official Autism diagnosis. Since we do everything together, I took up boxing too. It’s become our father-son ritual and everyone at the gym became like extended members of our family.”

**INCENTIVES:** **Tony Acevedo**, Owner of *Kicked Up Fitness* will be hosting the signing and offering a **free month gym membership** to everyone that shows up with a pre-purchased *Dual Lives* book for the author to sign. In addition, one free personal training session for anyone making a charitable donation towards “Lil’ C’s” boxing lessons, as he’s on his quest to become the first Golden Gloves Champion with Autism. A portion of book purchases made online through Amazon benefit *AutismSpeaks*.

### ***Kicked Up Fitness* Book Signing Schedule of Events**

**12 - 12:45 p.m.** meet-and-greet the author, get your book signed

**12:45 - 1 p.m.** watch a boxing media workout between Lil’ C and Coach Wolf

**1 p.m. - 2 p.m.** Q & A with Michael Bell, Tony Acevedo, Arthur Neal and Autumn Wolf

Watch Lil’ C box at Kicked Up Fitness from 2014 - present:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSJK9uwjTdM&t=13s>



*From left: Tony Acevedo, Lil’ C, Arthur Neal and Coach Autumn Wolf*

RSVP on Facebook for the Signing at Kicked Up at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/124527844839831/>

**Other stops along Bell's *DUAL LIVES* book tour this fall include:**

**Gallery 50 Dual Signing** with fellow artist **Michael Sprouse**

Saturday, Sept. 16, 3 - 6 p.m.

50 Wilmington Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE

**Converge Gallery of Art**

"Two Faced" Two-Man Exhibition Opening,

Michael Bell and Dillon Samuelson

Friday, October 6, 6 - 10 p.m.

140 W. Fourth, Street, Williamsport, PA

**Lycoming College**, in Burchfield Lounge,  
Wertz Student Center *DUAL LIVES* Book Signing  
(It's Homecoming Weekend, so book hotels early!)  
Saturday, October 7, 10:30 - 12 p.m.

**Converge Gallery of Art**

*DUAL LIVES* Book Signing

Saturday, October 7, 3 - 5 p.m.



*Michael Bell, Author*

Released on June 10, *DUAL LIVES: from the Streets to the Studio* is just as courageously vulnerable as the compelling narratives found within Bell's paintings. *Dual Lives* is also backed by an impressive list of contributors, from a Foreword by **Peter J. Gotti** to excerpts from **John A. Gotti**, **Dominic Capone**, World Renowned Artist **Eric Fischl** and Senior Art Critic for the *New York Magazine* **Jerry Saltz**, NY Times Best-Selling Authors **Jay Mathews** and **Daniel Pink**, Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer **David J. Leeson**, *Sopranos* star **Joseph R. Gannascoli**, 2-time Boxing World Champion **Paulie Malignaggi** and Celebrity Cook **Steve Martorano**, to name a few.

To **pre-purchase books for upcoming signings** visit

<http://www.DUALLIVES.com> or directly on Amazon at <http://tinyurl.com/DualLives>

It was a #1 Amazon New Release in Educator Biographies!

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