

George Michael helps Joe to X Factor victory

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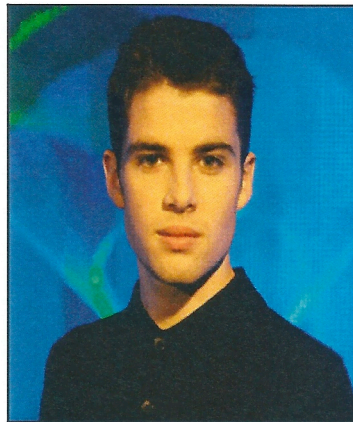
Music Olly Murs was the ITV show's runner up, followed by Stacey Solomon in third place.

Food Openly gay Michael, who has sold over 80 million records worldwide, sang his 1991 number one hit single Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me with McElderry on Saturday, in the first of the two live final shows.

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Galleries X-Factor's producers have boosted the popularity of the programme by arranged duets between its contestants and other accomplished artists such as Robbie Williams, Sir Paul McCartney or Michael Bubble across the series.

Following his performance, Michael told host Dermot O'Leary: "I think he [McElderry] rose to the occasion. He's got a great future but I wish good luck to all three contestants. They are under an amazing amount of pressure."



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It's a pity George Michael didn't have a little of the humility Joe McElderry displayed on Saturday evening. The two other celebrities really enjoyed performing with the contestants and openly praised and supported them. All George Michael could do was, give a not so good performance and act like a prima donna, and how dare he say Joe 'rose to the occasion', Joe is a much much better singer than him perhaps that frightened him into acting and sounding like an old hasbeen who's not so good at performing these days.

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