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Early in his career, Michael began working for his tribe at its gaming enterprise, Foxwoods Resort Casino in 1990. He founded an internal media production group called “Creative Arts”, which focused on producing video and interactive multimedia content for the gaming enterprise. Michael also provided live video streaming services for the Native American Music Awards for 15 consecutive years, to help elevate native American recording artists visibility to the mainstream entertainment industry.