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# TENTH AVENUE NORTH PICKS UP NOMINATIONS IN HIGH-PROFILE GMA DOVE AWARDS CATEGORIES

## Band Honored With Nods in Group, Song Of The Year Categories

(Nashville, Tenn.) February 16, 2011 – Reunion Records' modern pop band **Tenth Avenue North**, hard charging off the success of its sophomore full-length release *The Light Meets The Dark*, has taken in **four nominations** for this year's **42**<sup>nd</sup> **Annual Gospel Music Association Dove Awards**, including nods in two categories in which the band received nominations last year.

Tenth Avenue North picked up nominations in the coveted categories **Song of the Year** (for lead vocalist/songwriter Mike Donehey's work on "Hold My Heart" from *Over And Underneath*) and **Group of the Year**, as well as in the **Pop/Contemporary Album of the Year** (for *The Light Meets The Dark*) and **Christmas Album** (as part of *The Essential Christmas Collection*) categories.

The band was nominated in both the Song and Group general categories last year, taking home the Song of the Year trophy for the smash hit "By Your Side," from its debut album *Over And Underneath*.

The Dove Awards nominations cap a tremendously busy 2010 season and position the band squarely in the fast lane for 2011. Coming next for the group, the March 1 release of its first live DVD/CD project, titled *Tenth Avenue North Live: Inside & In Between*. Much more than a concert video, this 45-minute visual journey showcases the very heart of Tenth Avenue North. Viewers will hear directly from Donehey as he shares the band's passion for the gospel in this captivating live concert experience which further explores the deeper message behind the group's most popular songs.

The 42nd Annual GMA Dove Awards will be held at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta, Ga. on Wednesday, April 20th. The awards show will be televised on GMC at 8:00p.m. ET/delayed PT on Easter Sunday, April 24th.

#### **About the 42nd Annual GMA Dove Awards**

The GMA Dove Awards is Christian/Gospel music's biggest night of the year, where top artists from every style of gospel music come together for a night of music and celebration as the GMA bestows the industry's highest honor -- the Dove Award.

The 42nd Annual Dove Awards will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta, Ga. and televised nationwide on gmc (http://www.gmclife.com), Sunday, April 24, 2011 from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. EST. gmc is the fastest-growing network in television and can be seen in 47 million homes on various cable systems around the country, on DIRECTV on channel 338 and on Verizon FiOS on channel 224.

#### **About Tenth Avenue North:**

Modern pop band **Tenth Avenue North**'s – composed of members Mike Donehey (lead vocals/acoustic guitar), Jason Jamison (drummer), Jeff Owen (electric guitar/background vocals) and Ruben Juarez (bass) – saw its sophomore album, *The Light Meets The Dark*, debut in May 2010 at No. 1 on the Nielsen Christian SoundScan chart and No. 15 on the Billboard Top 200 with first week scans of 21,583. The album also secured the No.1 Christian Album chart position at both iTunes and AmazonMP3, and reached Top 5 on the iTunes overall chart.

Named GMA Dove Awards **New Artist of the Year** in 2009 at the 40th Annual GMA Dove Awards, **Tenth Avenue North** first impacted the music community as the best-selling and most played new Christian artist of 2008, scoring three No. 1s at radio ("By Your Side" finished the year at No. 2 on the Hot Christian Songs chart, and at No. 3 overall for the decade on said chart) and saw its national debut *Over and Underneath* (5/20/08) cross the 100,000 unit sales mark in less than seven months. To date, *Over and Underneath* has surpassed the 300,000 mark in total album sales.

**Tenth Avenue North** continued the momentum gained from their first headlining tour in 2009 (undertaken with only one album under its belt) with feature slots on the 2009-10 Winter Jam and Casting Crowns tours, plus a very active summer 2010 festival schedule. In the fall of 2010, the band undertook its second headlining tour – **The Light Meets The Dark Tour** – which saw Tenth Avenue North play to **more that 67,000 fans** and sell out more than half its hard ticket dates, along with generating sponsorships for 1700 children within Compassion International programs.

### For up-to-date information on Tenth Avenue North please visit:

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