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THIRD DAY CELEBRATES DOVE AWARDS' MOVE TO ATLANTA WITH MULTIPLE NOMINATIONS

(Nashville, Tenn.) February 16, 2011 – Veteran Atlanta-based rock band **Third Day** helped welcome the **42nd Annual GMA Dove Awards** to its home city by helping announce the slate of nominees for this year's awards during a press conference this morning at the historic Fox Theatre. The multi-Platinum outfit also celebrates four nominations today, with lead singer **Mac Powell** receiving additional recognition as a songwriter.

The band notched notices in the categories of **Rock/Contemporary Recorded Song of the Year** for **"Lift Up Your Face,"** with **Powell's** nod for writing the hit song, **Rock/Contemporary Album of the Year** for ***Move***, **Christmas Album** for its work on ***The Essential Christmas Collection*** and **Recorded Music Packaging** for ***Move***.

The Dove Awards nominations come mere days before the band kicks off a 40-city tour supporting its most recent full-length release ***Move***. The **"Make Your Move"** tour starts Friday in Mercedes, Tex., and runs through May 21 in West Palm Beach, Fla. Additionally on this tour, the band has teamed with Arizona-based Grand Canyon University (GCU) to offer fans a chance to win a college scholarship. At each stop one qualified fan will be selected to receive a $10,000 scholarship to GCU. The overall partnership will award up to $1 million in scholarships to Third Day fans during the duration of this tour.

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 Third Day

Over the past decade, the Atlanta-based, multi-Platinum rock band Third Day (made up of members Mac Powell, Tai Anderson, David Carr and Mark Lee) has racked up 27 No. 1 radio singles and sold more than 7 million albums which reflect an impressive 2 RIAA Platinum and 8 Gold Certifications. A

recent Georgia Music Hall of Fame inductee (2009), Third Day has garnered 24 career GMA Dove Awards from 47 nominations, 4 GRAMMY Awards (with 11 career nominations), an American Music Award (with 3 American Music Award nominations) and multiple ASCAP honors for songwriting.

Third Day has been featured by top media outlets including "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" (NBC), "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson" (CBS), "60 Minutes" (CBS), ABC's "Nightline," USA Today, the New York Times, and even graced the cover of *Billboard* magazine, which called Third Day "one of the best rock bands." As a top-ranked touring band, according to *Pollstar* magazine, Third Day has played for audiences reaching into the millions. For additional information about Third Day please visit **www.ThirdDay.com**.

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