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Best-Selling Group Heads Toward Oct. 18 Release of *Come to the Well*
Current Single “Courageous” Claims No. 3 on *Billboard* NCA Chart

(Nashville, Tenn.) Oct. 12, 2011 -- **Casting Crowns** has been nominated for a **2011 American Music Award®**, as announced today at the J.W. Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE. The nod sets up a busy season for the best-selling group, who will release its latest studio project, *Come to Well*, next week, and whose current radio single, “Courageous” is on its way to topping the Christian AC radio charts.

Casting Crowns’ sixth career AMA nomination, winning in 2007, the band receives recognition as “Favorite Artist” in the Contemporary Inspirational category. Winners will be determined by online voting from now through Friday, Nov. 11, 2011. Fans can vote at the Coca-Cola AMA voting website, amavote.com, as well as <http://is.gd/U2P4uY>. The live broadcast of the 39th annual AMAs will take place at the NOKIA Theatre L.A. LIVE on Sunday, Nov. 20 (8:00-11:00 p.m. ET/PT) on ABC.

Also forthcoming for **Casting Crowns** is the release of its first new studio album in two years. *Come to the Well*, available Oct. 18, draws inspiration from the band’s ministry efforts at its home church, Eagles Landing Baptist Church outside of Atlanta, where frontman Mark Hall serves as youth pastor. The band is currently touring new music from *Come to the Well* on a fall tour visiting 40 cities through early December. Visit www.castingcrowns.com for a list of tour dates.

Adding to **Casting Crowns’** momentum moving toward street week, the debut single from *Come to the Well*, “Courageous,” climbed to No. 3 on the *Billboard* National Christian Audience chart and No. 2 on the AC Indicator chart this week. Featured in the current Sherwood Pictures film *Courageous*, the song has seen close to 40,000,000 audience impressions to date.

For more information on **Casting Crowns** and *Come to the Well*, visit: www.castingcrowns.com or follow Mark Hall’s Twitter at twitter.com/markhallCC.

About Casting Crowns:

All of Atlanta-based **Casting Crowns’** projects are RIAA certified, with a tally of three RIAA Platinum Albums, two RIAA Platinum DVDs, two RIAA Gold Albums, two Gold DVDs and two Gold singles, holding position as *Billboard’s* top-selling act in Christian music since 2007. Despite an unprecedented eight-year career with **Casting Crowns**, the seven band members remain active in student ministry in the Atlanta area and tour part-time around their local church duties. Serving his 18th year in youth ministry, lead singer/songwriter Mark Hall is the student pastor at Eagle’s Landing First Baptist Church in Atlanta. As a testament to the band’s impact, Casting Crowns performed for a second time in North Korea in April 2009, in partnership with Global Resource Services, as the band continues to forge invaluable relationships with the people in the D.P.R.K.

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