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## **CASTING CROWNS CLAIMS FIRST DOUBLE PLATINUM ALBUM WITH DEBUT** *Casting Crowns* One of Only Eight Christian Records Ever to Achieve Such Status

(Nashville, Tenn.) Aug. 30, 2012—Contemporary Christian Music super group **Casting Crowns** recently received notification of its first career RIAA certified double Platinum album. *Casting Crowns*, the band's 2005 debut release, is one of only eight Christian projects ever to achieve 2x multi-Platinum status.

Joining the elite ranks of other 2x multi-Platinum Christian CDs including *Satellite* (P.O.D.), *The Beautiful Letdown* (Switchfoot) and *Almost There* (MercyMe), *Casting Crowns* was the band's breakthrough album, spawning Gold single "Who Am I," while making Casting Crowns a household name. The group has since become one of the most decorated acts in Christian music, reigning as *Billboard's* top-selling CCM artist since 2007.

"I'm honored to work alongside Mark Hall and Casting Crowns, and congratulate them on such an incredible milestone. Their record was a game changer for Provident and CCM music and continues to minister to listeners," notes Provident Music Group President & CEO, Terry Hemmings.

The news comes on the heels of one of **Casting Crowns'** most successful tours to date, the "Come to the Well" tour, and recent recognition as **Top Christian Artist** and **Top Christian Album** (*Come To The Well*) at the **2012 Billboard Music Awards**. For more information on **Casting Crowns** visit: [www.castingcrowns.com](http://www.castingcrowns.com).

### **About Casting Crowns**

Prolific CCM music group **Casting Crowns** boasts a tally of one RIAA 2x multi-Platinum record, three RIAA Platinum albums, two RIAA Platinum DVDs, five RIAA Gold albums, two Gold DVDs and three Gold digital singles. The band currently holds the position as *Billboard's* top-selling act in Christian music since 2007. The group has also been honored with two American Music Awards, out of six total nominations, three GRAMMY Awards, 14 GMA Dove Awards, two 2012 *Billboard* Music Awards and four total *Billboard* Music Award nominations.

**Casting Crowns'** seven band members all remain active in student ministry in the Atlanta area and tour according to their local church commitments. Serving his 18th year in youth ministry, lead singer/songwriter Mark Hall maintains his role as 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; the band continues to forge invaluable relationships with the people in the D.P.R.K. (Democratic People's Republic of Korea).

**Casting Crowns** recently concluded its 43-city "Come to the Well" spring tour, which saw 40 arena sellouts. Combined, both the fall and spring tour legs drew attendance exceeding 370,000 with more than 65,500 child sponsorships through the group's partnership with Christian humanitarian organization, World Vision.

For more information on **Casting Crowns** visit: [www.castingcrowns.com](http://www.castingcrowns.com), [www.facebook.com/castingcrowns](http://www.facebook.com/castingcrowns), [www.twitter.com/castingcrowns](http://www.twitter.com/castingcrowns) or follow Mark Hall's Twitter at [twitter.com/markhallCC](http://twitter.com/markhallCC).

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