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MATT MAHER RECEIVES SECOND CAREER GRAMMY NOD

Renowned Songwriter Recognized for Contribution to Impactful "White Flag"

(NASHVILLE, Tenn.) December 6, 2012 – Renowned singer/songwriter/worship leader, Matt Maher, received his second career GRAMMY nomination last night in the **Best Contemporary Christian Music Song** category for his contribution as a writer on the moving anthem, "White Flag," recorded by Chris Tomlin for *Passion: White Flag*. The song was co-written by Tomlin, Matt Redman and the award-winning songwriter/producer, Jason Ingram. Maher's first nomination was for "I Lift My Hands" which garnered a GRAMMY nod in the **same** category during the 54th Annual GRAMMY season.

"It's a real honor to be part of an amazing team of fellow writers and artists, and most importantly, friends" says Maher. "The efforts that the Passion movement have made to be a light in the world, and their servanthood to the poor is a great example of the core message of the Gospel. With the Giglio's pastoral leadership, the fact that this song played a small part in inspiring college students to come together at Passion 2012 and give three million dollars to six anti-slavery organizations...well that is the best honor we, as writers, can receive."

Nominations for the 55th Annual GRAMMY Awards were announced last night during The Recording Academy's "The GRAMMY Nominations Concert Live!! — Countdown To Music's Biggest Night," a one-hour CBS entertainment special broadcast live for the first time ever from Bridgestone Arena in Nashville.

The 55th Annual GRAMMY Awards will be held on GRAMMY Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013, at Staples Center in Los Angeles and once again will be broadcast live in high-definition TV and 5.1 surround-sound on CBS from 8–11:30 p.m. (ET/PT).

About Matt Maher

Matt Maher –singer/songwriter/worship leader and recording artist – has embraced his calling as a "musical missionary" to impact a global stage.

Maher is well known for writing moving worship anthems including "Your Grace Is Enough," "As It Is In Heaven," "Hold Us Together," "Christ Is Risen," "I Will Rise," "All To Us," "Here For You" and "White Flag." His songs continue to climb the CCLI chart (marking prominence in church services worldwide) and have been recorded by artists including Chris Tomlin, Audrey Assad, Matt Redman, and the Passion movement.

Outside of the church, Maher's credibility as a writer has resulted in two GRAMMY nomination in the **Contemporary Christian Music Song** category (54th and 55th GRAMMY seasons) for "I Lift My Hands" and "White Flag" while "Alive Again,"(2009) was selected by iTunes as the best Christian & Gospel song that year.

The growing popularity of his songs has prompted sales of more than 400,000 albums and

generated national media coverage on outlets including "FOX & Friends" and as a guest writer with *Billboard* magazine. Amid busy touring and writing schedules, Maher also hosts WorshipTogether's "New Song Café."

His latest project, *The Love In Between* (Sept. 20, 2011) debuted at No. 7 on the SoundScan Top Contemporary Christian Chart and entered the *Billboard* Top 200 at No. 97. *The Love In Between* saw notable success at iTunes, breaking into the Top 5 on the Christian & Gospel Top Albums Chart.

For more information on **Matt Maher**, visit www.mattmahermusic.com. Also follow Matt on Twitter at www.twitter.com/mattmahermusic.

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