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## MICHAEL W. SMITH RECEIVES FOUR GMA DOVE AWARD NOMINATIONS ACROSS MULTIPLE CATEGORIES TODAY

Smith Readies for the Release of A New Hallelujah- The Live Worship DVD on March 17 and Launches the Spring Leg of "The United Tour" with Steven Curtis Chapman on March 28

(Nashville, Tenn.) February 20, 2009 – Michael W. Smith, one of Christian music's most revered artists, released his 21<sup>st</sup> album *A New Hallelujah* on October 28 amid fan and industry acclaim. Today Michael was honored with three nominations directly tied to this incredible project. *A New Hallelujah* received a nod in the **Praise & Worship Album of the Year** category, where he is recognized as artist and producer, and in the **Inspirational Recorded Song** and **Worship Song** categories for the moving title track, "A New Hallelujah."

In addition, Smith was also credited for his contribution to *Billy: The Early Years Official Motion Picture Soundtrack* which was nominated in the Special Event Album category.

On March 17, Smith will release *A New Hallelujah* – *The Live Worship DVD*. This new DVD is the video companion to *A New Hallelujah*. Recorded live in Houston last summer before12,000 people, a 250-voice choir and several special guests including the African Children's Choir and 2008 GRAMMY Award-winner, Israel Houghton, this DVD captures the powerful experience of the evening's worship in high-definition. The 90-minute long project features all 13 songs from *A New Hallelujah*, plus four new tracks and exclusive behind-the-scenes footage.

Following the busy DVD launch week, Michael W. Smith and Steven Curtis Chapman will once again hit the road together for the spring leg of "The United Tour." Kicking off March 28, in Chattanooga, the tour will hit 24 cities across the country including Cleveland, Baltimore, Visalia, Colorado Springs, Little Rock, Indianapolis, Lexington, Nashville and more. For an updated tour itinerary, please visit <a href="https://www.michaelwsmith.com">www.michaelwsmith.com</a>.

## **About Michael W. Smith:**

Throughout his 25-year career as a recording artist, Michael W. Smith has amassed an impressive catalog of achievements. His 21 albums have garnered multiple honors including an American Music Award, three GRAMMY ® Awards (from 13 nominations), 42 Gospel Music Association Dove Awards and 33 No. 1 radio hits. In addition, he holds 16 Gold and five platinum albums for career sales approaching 15 million.

Smith, who was recently inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame, has scored several film projects, written 11 books and has been featured by media outlets including, NBC's Today Show, Good Morning America, NBC Nightly News, Larry King Live, FOX and Friends, Hannity and Colmes, *USA Today*, *NY Times*, *The Washington Post*, *LA Times*, *Newsweek*, has been named one of *People Magazine*'s Most Beautiful People and has presented multiple times on the GRAMMY Awards show. His tours consistently rank among the best attended in the country and he has performed to capacity crowds throughout the world. Constantly giving back to the community, one of his current projects is Rocketown--a nightclub for teens in his hometown of Nashville, Tenn.--which serves as safe place for young people to enjoy music and for artists to be discovered. He and wife Debbie Smith are the proud parents of five children.