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MICHAEL W. SMITH KICKS OFF SPRING “WONDER, WORSHIP & GLORY TOUR” FEB. 23 Tour Welcomes L’Angelus and New Corporate Sponsor, Pong Research Corporation

(Nashville, Tenn.) Feb. 16, 2012— GRAMMY® award-winning and multi-platinum-selling artist **Michael W. Smith** will headline a spring “**Wonder, Worship & Glory Tour**” to nearly 20 cities through March. Smith will be joined by popular Americana four-piece family band L’Angelus and tour sponsor, Pong Research Corporation, maker of patented smart phone and iPad cases that have been proven to protect users from wireless device radiation.

Showcasing music from Smith’s latest releases **GLORY** (Nov. 21, 2011) and **Decades of Worship** (Jan. 17, 2012), as well as popular Smith tunes from the last three decades, the tour will launch in Greensboro, N.C. on Feb. 23 and visit 12 states. A complete list of tour dates follows this release.

Back by popular demand, Smith has asked fan favorites L’Angelus to rejoin him on his spring tour. Smith fans were introduced to this talented sibling group at his Nashville Fan Weekend in 2011 and again later in the year when L’Angelus joined his “It’s a Wonderful Christmas: The Symphony Tour.”

A long-time proponent of healthy living and an avid user of mobile devices, Smith is delighted to welcome Pong Research Corporation to the tour. “As soon as I learned that the World Health Organization classified cell phone radiation as a possible carcinogen, I decided I wouldn’t even think of using my smart phone and iPad without having them in Pong cases,” says Smith. “Every member of my family uses them.”

“Even this many years into it – I get excited about planning a new tour,” says Smith. “It’s always fun to play new music, dust off a few I might not have done in a while and, of course, share time worshipping together. It will be great having Katie, Paige, Steve and Johnny (L’Angelus) out with me again.

For additional information on the tour and an up-to-date tour itinerary, visit:
www.michaelwsmith.com.

About Michael W. Smith:

Throughout his 29-year career as a recording artist, **Michael W. Smith** has amassed an impressive catalog of achievements. His 24 albums have garnered multiple honors including an American Music Award, three GRAMMY® Awards (from 13 nominations), 44 GMA Dove Awards and 33 No. 1 radio hits. In addition, he holds 16 Gold, 7 Platinum and 2 Double-Platinum albums for career sales of 15 million. Most recently, Smith released **GLORY**, his second full-length instrumental album, on Nov. 21, 2011 and **Decades of Worship**, a collection of his most popular worship songs, Jan. 17, 2012.

Inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2009, Smith has scored film projects, written 12 books and been featured by media outlets including “Hannity,” NBC’s “Today,” ABC’s “Good Morning America,” “NBC Nightly News,” “Larry King Live,” “FOX & Friends,” *The Associated Press*, *Billboard*, *USA Today*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsweek* and more.

Constantly giving back to the community, one of Smith’s current projects is Rockettown – a nightclub for teens in his hometown of Nashville, Tenn. – which serves as a safe place for young people to enjoy music and for artists to be discovered. He and wife of 30 years, Debbie, are the proud parents of five children.

About L’Angelus:

Taking its name from an ancient prayer, L’Angelus performs as a dynamic high energy four piece band, featuring Katie, 27, Paige, 26, Johnny, 24, and Stephen, 22. They describe their sound as Louisiana roots, but still love to play the popular old rock and country and Motown tunes - Americana music. Audiences across North America and Europe are drawn to the “joie de vivre” that radiates from the stage. Music in the Cajun culture has always been a unifying force - it brings families together on the front porch and at the parish dance.

Selected in 2006 by *Billboard Magazine* from more than 1,400 artists as one of six finalists in the Independent Music World Series, L’Angelus has been steadily gaining international attention. Two of their original compositions were featured in the nationwide PBS documentary on Louisiana’s Wetlands, *Washing Away*, narrated by Susan Sarandon. May of 2009 marked their first internationally televised concert, with an hour long interview and performance on EWTN’s “Life on the Rock,” where the group explored the influence that the Catholic culture of community celebrations has had on the development of Cajun and Irish music. Their most recent release, *Sacred Hymns Collection*, was picked up for international distribution by Ignatius Press, the world’s largest Catholic publishing company, and quickly became one of the most popular items in their music catalogue. On tour in Ireland thispast summer, the trio of musicians was literally grabbed off the street to interview and perform live on the country’s two largest radio programs, “RTE with Pat Kenny” and “BBC Radio Live.” For more information, visit www.langelus.com.

About Pong Research Corporation:

Founded in 2010, Pong is the world’s leading maker of cell phone and iPad cases that protect smart phone and tablet users from the wireless device radiation that the World Health Organization classified in 2011 as a possible carcinogen. Developed by scientists out of Princeton, Harvard, UCLA and MIT, Pong cases have been tested and proven in FCC-certified labs to reduce the level of exposure to wireless device radiation by up to 95% *below* the target set by the FCC. Pong embeds in each case a patented and proprietary technology that redirects and redistributes the cell phone radiation that would otherwise be absorbed by the user’s head and body. Easy to put on and take off, Pong cases fit a variety of iPhones, BlackBerrys and Android phones as well as the iPad and iPad 2, are available in a variety of colors and styles, and have been designed and tested to work anywhere in the world. For more information, visit www.pongresearch.com

WONDER, WORSHIP and GLORY Tour*

February

Thursday, Feb. 23 Greensboro, N.C.
Friday, Feb. 24 Export, Penn.
Saturday, Feb. 25 Canton, Ohio
Sunday, Feb. 26 Dayton, Ohio

March

Thursday, March 1 Decatur, Ill.
Friday, March 2 Appleton, Wis.
Saturday, March 3 Rockford, Ill.
Sunday, March 4 Rock Island, Ill.
Thursday, March 8 Hawthorne, N.J.
Friday, March 9 Milford, Conn.
Saturday, March 10 Rochester, N.Y.
Sunday, March 11 Lancaster, Penn.
Thursday, March 15 Meridian, Miss.
Friday, March 16 Pascagoula, Miss.
Saturday, March 17 Bossier City, La.
Sunday, March 18 Montgomery, Ala.
Thursday, March 22 Rochester, Minn.
Friday, March 23 Rochester, Minn.
Saturday, March 24 St. Cloud, Minn.

*dates subject to change

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