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STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN GARNERS 47TH NO. 1 HIT WITH “CHRISTMAS TIME AGAIN”

Song Featured on SiriusXM Christmas Special, “700 Club” Christmas Day Program

(Nashville, Tenn.) Dec. 14, 2012 -- **Steven Curtis Chapman** has garnered his 47th career No. 1 radio single with “Christmas Time Again,” an original song from his fourth and latest Christmas project, **JOY** (Oct. 16). The track is an upbeat and fun, original piece, on an album that showcases several new songs by Steven as well as new recordings of traditional favorites. The song received further attention this week, airing on SiriusXM Radio’s The Message “Eye to Eye” Christmas special. In addition, Steven’s performance of the song will be featured on the Christian Broadcasting Network’s “The 700 Club,” Christmas day.

“Christmas Time Again” now tops the *Billboard* AC Monitored chart, a high honor given the yearly influx of new Christmas singles at Christian radio. Further, it is the first Christmas song to hit No. 1 on the *Billboard* Christian AC Monitored chart in two years, no doubt due to its vintage charm and resonant message.

“I’m really, really grateful to radio for their continued support of me. It’s truly humbling. And it’s so much fun to see this song go No. 1,” says Chapman. “Caleb Chapman had a key idea for the song in a silly and fun video he did for his now wife Julia. One clever little line grew into the musical party that “Christmas Time Again” became. It’s fun to have fun with music again! God has been merciful and gracious to us, and the Chapmans are wishing you a Merry Christmas.”

““Christmas Time Again’ puts the fun back in Christmas. A natural fit for the season,” states Keith Stevens (Program Director KTIS/Minneapolis).

“Christmas Time Again” aired this afternoon on SiriusXM Radio’s The Message “Eye to Eye” Christmas special and will re-air through Christmas. Hosted by friend and labelmate Michael W. Smith, the hour-long program features an interview with Chapman as well as an in-studio performance of “Christmas Time Again,” among other songs from **JOY**. Visit <http://is.gd/8s3bwd> for a sneak preview of the event recorded last month in front of a live audience.

Also, fans can tune in to CBN on Dec. 20 to watch Chapman play “Christmas Time Again” on “The 700 Club.” His performance will re-air the following week on the program’s Christmas day show. Check www.cbn.com for local air times and listings.

For more information on “Christmas Time Again” and all the songs on **JOY**, visit: www.stevencurtischapman.com or www.providentpress.com. View a live acoustic video performance of the single at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChKu8VevSnY>.

About Steven Curtis Chapman

Steven Curtis Chapman has sold more than ten million records including two RIAA certified Platinum albums and eight RIAA certified Gold albums. Along with his five GRAMMY Awards, Chapman has won an American Music Award, recorded 47 No. 1 US radio hits including one in each decade since the 1980s, and been awarded 57 Dove Awards, more than any other artist to date. Since his career began in 1987, Chapman has released 17 projects with Sparrow Records.

He has performed at the White House and appeared on multiple national programs via CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN, MSNBC, CMT, FOX News, the Hallmark Channel and E!, including “Good Morning America,” “Larry King Live,” “Fox & Friends,” “Huckabee,” “CBS Sunday Morning,” “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno” and more.

Chapman and his wife Mary Beth created Show HOPE in 2001 after bringing their first adopted daughter, Shaohannah, home from China. The ministry’s goal is to help families reduce the financial barrier of adoption and has provided grants to more than 3,350 families wishing to adopt orphans from around the world.

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