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TENTH AVENUE NORTH ACHIEVES **MOST SUCCESSFUL CAREER YEAR TO DATE**

“You Are More” No. 1 Song of the Year on *Billboard*’s Christian Audience Chart

Band Sees Audience of Nearly 500,000 Via National Tour and Festival Circuit

Rings in New Year with No. 1 Radio Song “Strong Enough to Save”

(Nashville, Tenn.) Dec. 21, 2011--Dove Award-winning, progressive pop band **Tenth Avenue North** finishes out its most successful career season to date with the **No. 1 Christian song of the year, “You Are More,”** according to ***Billboard*’s National Christian Audience Chart**. Having secured a spot on one of this year’s biggest tours, while performing for close to 500,000 fans nationwide, the group will carry its momentum into 2012 with brand new hit single, “Strong Enough to Save,” currently No. 1 on the *Billboard* National Christian Audience chart.

Tenth Avenue North’s “You Are More,” from its 2010 sophomore release *The Light Meets the Dark*, received top ranking from *Billboard* according to radio airplay audience impressions as measured by Nielsen BDS. The news comes as no surprise given Tenth Avenue North’s high profile this year. The group landed a coveted guest role on label mate Third Day’s riveting “Make Your Move” tour, joining the multiple GRAMMY Award-winning artist on both spring and fall legs, visiting nearly 75 total cities.

The tour experienced sold-out crowds for more than half of its spring dates, setting the pace for an equally impressive fall run, which wrapped late last month. The massive tour exposure was boosted by a phenomenal summer festival jaunt, where **Tenth Avenue North** appeared at top festivals including Creation Festival, Spirit West Coast, LifeLight Festival, SoulFest, and Rock the South Fest.

In addition to celebrating the year’s top radio song and an unprecedented twelve months on the road, **Tenth Avenue North**’s current single, “Strong Enough to Save,” holds the No. 1 position on the *Billboard* NCA chart with more than 78,291,700 impressions. The song is rapidly climbing the CHR chart as well, coming in at No. 5 this week. **Tenth Avenue North** recently performed the song in-studio for national radio outlets including, “The Rita Cosby Show,” FOX News Radio, and SiriusXM.

Tenth Avenue North’s Christmas single “Deck the Halls,” from *WOW Christmas* (2011), is seeing strong airplay too. The single is accompanied by a “Deck the Halls” music video released to national video outlets in October. View the video at <http://is.gd/dYaYsH>. The band is currently in the process of writing its next studio project and will begin recording with award-winning producer, Jason Ingram, in January.

About Tenth Avenue North

Tenth Avenue North –comprising members Mike Donehey (lead vocals/acoustic guitar), Jason Jamison (drummer), Jeff Owen (electric guitar/background vocals) and Ruben Juarez (bass) –first impacted the music community as the best-selling and most played new Christian artist of 2008. That year, the group scored three No. radio hits, with “By Your Side” finishing at No.2 on the *Billboard* Hot Christian Songs chart and No. 3 overall for the decade.

Such acclaim earned **Tenth Avenue North** the New Artist of the Year title at the Gospel Music Association's 40th Annual Dove Awards. Consequently, its debut album, *Over and Underneath* (May 2008), sold more than 100,000 copies in less than seven months and has surpassed 400,000 sales to date.

The band saw its sophomore album, *The Light Meets The Dark* (May 2010), debut at No. 1 on the Nielsen Christian SoundScan chart and No. 15 on the *Billboard* Top 200 with first week scans of 21,583. The album also secured the No.1 Christian Album chart position at both iTunes and AmazonMP3, reaching Top 5 on iTunes' Overall chart. In 2010, **Tenth Avenue North** also received a Dove Award nomination for Group of the Year and claimed the coveted Song of the Year honor for "By Your Side." Additionally, the 2009-2010 season marked guest spots on the "Winter Jam" tour, Casting Crowns' "Until the Whole World Hears" tour, a very active summer festival schedule, and **Tenth Avenue North's** fall 2010 "The Light Meets the Dark" tour. The latter played to 67,000 + fans, selling out more than half its hard ticket dates and generating sponsorships for 1,700 children within Compassion International programs.

With its latest release *Tenth Avenue North Live: Inside and In Between* (March 2011), a live CD/DVD experience, **Tenth Avenue North** has continued to move through constant streams of feature spots and major tours, most recently wrapping label mate Third Day's spring/fall 2011 "Make Your Move" tour with Trevor Morgan.

For more information on **Tenth Avenue North**, please visit: www.tenthavenuenorth.com, www.facebook.com/tenthavenuenorth or www.providentpress.com

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