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MATT MAHER'S "ALIVE AGAIN" INSPIRES ATLANTIS ASTRONAUTS

Current Mission Marks the Third Year in a Row Matt Maher's Music Visits the Cosmos

(Nashville, Tenn.) May 24, 2010 – It's safe to say that singer/songwriter and worship leader Matt Maher's music is out of this world, literally. His latest album *Alive Again* (9/22/09) is currently orbiting aboard space shuttle Atlantis, servicing its final scheduled journey after almost a quarter-century of missions. Atlantis launched from Kennedy Space Center on May 14, 2010, and will spend 12 days orbit and 7 days docked to the International Space Station where astronauts will deliver a Russian research module, along with other equipment and replacement parts.

Maher's music has become a staple carry-on item for NASA astronaut, Mike Good, who has officially selected Maher's song "Alive Again" as one of his "wake-up songs" -- not only reviving Good from an outer space slumber but the rest of the STS-132 and International Space Station crew as well.

Astronaut Good relayed a message of inspiration after a recent wake up call from NASA headquarters, "Good morning Houston! It's great to wake up here in space again. We're looking forward to another beautiful day docked at the International Space Station. I thank God for this opportunity to view the glory of His creation from this perspective -- and thanks to Matt Maher for that song, 'Alive Again.'"

This marks the third year in a row that Maher's music has visited the cosmos. In June 2008 and 2009 Matt's previous album *Empty & Beautiful* (4/8/08) found its way onto shuttle Discovery for NASA Mission STS-124 with astronaut Ron Garan and aboard Atlantis STS-125 with Mike Good.

"I had the pleasure of meeting Mission Specialist, Mike Good when I was in Houston last year thanks to a friend of mine; seeing the NASA facility and hearing about the work that everyone there does was amazing, especially since, as a child, I always aspired to be an astronaut!" says Maher. "Music intersects with people's lives and inspires something unique from every person, so really, it's such an honor that he would choose one of my songs to start his day. Having my song played in space is one thing, but in context with what he says reminds me of what a great Man of God Mike is. It is such an honor to have my music start anyone's day."

Space fans all over the country can view the International Space Station (where Atlantis is currently docked) in the clear nighttime skies by following this link:

<http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/realdata/sightings/cities/skywatch.cgi?country=United+States>

Also, listen to the official "wake-up song" "Alive Again" broadcast through the space shuttle followed by astronaut Good's response by clicking this link: <http://tiny.cc/aliveagainspace>

ABOUT MATT MAHER:

Matt Maher – worship leader, songwriter, singer and recording artist – has taken his calling as a "musical missionary" to create a substantial impact on a national and global stage. As an award-

winning songwriter, Maher gained notice as the writer of the internationally renowned modern-worship song, “Your Grace Is Enough.”

Highly sought after for his poignant yet poetic writing style, Maher has recently had songs recorded by such artists as Chris Tomlin; Bethany Dillon; Phillips, Craig & Dean; Brenton Brown and others. In addition, Maher’s songs have appeared in the top 10 ranked songs on the CCLI chart, marking their popularity in church worship services around the world.

Maher recently garnered six award nominations at the 41st Annual GMA Dove Awards including nods in the prestigious Song of the Year category and Worship Song of the Year for “I Will Rise,” a song recorded by Chris Tomlin. He picked up another nod in the Worship Song of the Year category for the song “Alive Again” as well as one for Praise & Worship Album of the Year for his acclaimed sophomore project *Alive Again*. Maher claimed a Dove Award in the Special Event Album of the Year category for his contribution on the Glory Revealed II: The Word of God in Worship project.

Amid busy touring and writing schedules, Maher finds it important to serve alongside ministries including Life Teen and Adore Ministries, while still playing an active role with Oregon Catholic Press’ spiritandsong.com. Further, he serves as a regular host for Worship Together’s “Newsong Café.” Maher, recently honored with a **Praise Award** as *Worship Leader’s* Breakout Artist of 2008, has been featured on the covers of *Breakaway* and *Christian Single*, performed live on “FOX & Friends,” written for *Billboard Magazine* and is an active, bylined contributor to *OnFaith.com* (www.newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith), an interactive conversation on religion.

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