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**BRANDON HEATH TAKES HOME THREE MAJOR WINS AT 40TH
ANNUAL GMA DOVE AWARDS INCLUDING MALE VOCALIST
OF THE YEAR**

**Heath's Blockbuster Hit "Give Me Your Eyes"
Wins Song of the Year**

(Nashville, Tenn.) April 24, 2009—The Christian music industry crowned a new **Male Vocalist of the Year** last night at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, naming singer-songwriter and radio hitmaker **Brandon Heath** its honored recipient. Heath's GRAMMY-nominated hit single "Give Me Your Eyes," off his sophomore album ***What If We***, was also named **Song of the Year**, for which Heath received a Dove trophy for co-writing the No. 1 song with Jason Ingram. The live broadcast of the 40th Annual GMA Dove Awards show aired nationwide on the Gospel Music Channel.

Backstage last night Heath said, "I was surprised to receive Male Vocalist of the Year. With this honor, I hope my voice is not just for singing, but for teaching and confessing and questioning my own generation."

When asked about the Song of the Year win, he added, "It was an honor to share this award with my friend Jason Ingram. I consider myself blessed to be able to write songs that encourage and challenge others. It feels great to know that you are making a difference in the world."

"Give Me Your Eyes," spent **14 weeks** at **No.1** on *Billboard's* Hot Christian AC radio chart, and **27 weeks** at **No. 1** on iTunes Christian Song Chart, during a **7-month run** at the top of the download chart following the song's release in July 2008. To date, the album's breakout first single continues to lead digitally selling more than **310,000** total downloads of the track across all digital providers. The second single "Wait and See" is now climbing radio and iTunes charts.

A third win for Heath came in the Pop/Contemporary Recorded Song for performing and writing "Give Me Your Eyes."

Brandon Heath was also one of the few artists selected to perform live on the telecast. Heath performed his giant, award-winning song "Give Me Your Eyes" with a full production supported by a unique step-number by members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Alpha Chi Chapter of Fisk University, and a local competitive female step team.

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About Brandon Heath:

Nashville native **Brandon Heath** was recently featured on the “**CBS Evening News with Katie Couric**,” while also spotlighted in the Sunday edition (2/8) of *The New York Times* as a GRAMMY-nominated newcomer “that shouldn’t be allowed to slip through the cracks.” Heath released his breakthrough sophomore album, ***What If We*** in 2008, featuring the No.1 song “**Give Me Your Eyes**” and current single “**Wait and See**.” Heath’s five total nominations for the Gospel Music Association’s 40th Annual Dove Awards included Male Vocalist of the Year, Song of the Year, Songwriter of the Year, Pop/Contemporary Recorded Song, and Special Event Album his recording of Patty Griffin’s “Heavenly Day” on *Billy: The Early Years Official Motion Picture Soundtrack*.

What If We follows Brandon’s debut album *Don’t Get Comfortable* (2006), and first chart-topping radio song, “I’m Not Who I Was,” nominated for Song of the Year at 2008 GMA Dove Awards, and contributing to his win in the New Artist of the Year category. Off stage, Heath seeks opportunities to merge his public platform with his heart for community regularly working with Young Life, Blood:Water Mission, Restore International and unofficially volunteering for many other human rights agencies on a global scale. Heath is a respected songwriter in the Nashville music community and first began writing at age 13.

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