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BRANDON HEATH DEBUTS *LEAVING EDEN* AT NO. 1 ON *BILLBOARD*'S CHRISTIAN SALES CHART

New Album Secures No. 1 Spot at iTunes; Lead Single "Your Love" Tops Radio for Third Week

(Nashville, Tenn.) Jan. 27, 2011 – Dove-winning Male Vocalist of the Year, **Brandon Heath** debuts his highly-anticipated third studio release, ***Leaving Eden***, at **No. 1** this week on *Billboard*'s Top Current Contemporary Christian Chart, marking the Nashville artist's first career opening at the top of the sales chart.

Produced by Dan Muckala, the acclaimed 11-song project also held the **No.1** position on iTunes Christian Albums chart, and lead single "**Your Love**" remains **No. 1** at radio for a third week atop *Billboard*'s National Christian Audience, and AC Monitor charts, with 100% of AC stations across the country spinning the hit track.

Reviews applaud the GRAMMY-nominated singer/songwriter's latest offering, with ***Billboard*** magazine projecting Heath as the next leader in the genre. The respected print magazine's Jan. 22 feature states Heath is "Cementing his growing status as the next young male artist to carry the Christian music torch held by veterans Steven Curtis Chapman and Michael W. Smith…".

Other media outlets proclaim:

"Brandon Heath won the last two Dove Awards for Male Vocalist of the Year with "Give Me Your Eyes," and "I'm Not Who I Was," but those tunes pale in comparison with what he offers on *Leaving Eden*." - ***DenverPost.com***

"…we can't get his song "Leaving Eden" out of our heads." - ***AmericanSongwriter.com***

As radio and sales soar, Heath reached another career milestone as the digital sales of his previous **2009 Song of the Year** hit "**Give Me Your Eyes**" surpass **500,000** - officially certifying as a **RIAA Gold** digital single last week. According to SoundScan, "Give Me Your Eyes" has sold over **563,000** digital downloads to date.

Heath is currently on tour with GRAMMY Award winning artist TobyMac as part of the Winter Wonder Slam Tour. For tour dates, and to view Heath's new ***Leaving Eden*** video sessions, please visit www.brandonheath.net.

About Brandon Heath:
Since his 2006 debut, Christian music's beloved and twice honored **Male Vocalist of the Year** (2009 and 2010) **Brandon Heath** has won an **Emmy Award**, been nominated for two **GRAMMY**s, an **American Music Award**, and holds multiple **GMA Dove Awards**. The Nashville native was featured on the "CBS Evening News with Katie Couric," while also spotlighted in the Sunday edition of The New York Times as a GRAMMY-nominated newcomer "that shouldn't be allowed to slip through the cracks." His soaring radio career includes four No.1 hits, "**Your Love**," "**I'm Not Who I Was**," "**Wait and See**" and 2009's GMA Dove-winning **Song of the Year**, "**Give Me Your Eyes**." Heath first began writing at age 13 and credits his hometown's legendary hotspot for songwriters, the Bluebird Café, as the place he first experienced music that moved him.

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