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CASTING CROWNS HONORED AT 42nd ANNUAL GMA DOVE AWARDS

Group Garners Win for Long Form Music Video

(NASHVILLE, Tenn.) April 20, 2011--The Gospel Music Association's 2010 Artist of the Year, **Casting Crowns** adds another Dove Award to its list of accolades, winning tonight for its long-form music video, *Until the Whole World Hears Live* DVD/CD release.

The occasion marks **Casting Crowns'** first career nomination and win in the category, which has previously been taken by artists such as Third Day, Switchfoot, Amy Grant, Audio Adrenaline, and tobyMac. The honor is awarded to the video's artist, director and producer.

Until the Whole World Hears Live, released Aug. 31, 2010, was recorded at Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, N.C. on April 24 of last year with additional footage recorded at North Charleston Coliseum, North Charleston, S.C. and at Von Braun Center, Huntsville, Ala. The video captures Casting Crowns' unforgettable 2009/2010 "Until the Whole World Hears" national concert tour on this live 2-disc set, sharing the heart and story of such songs as "If We've Ever Needed You," "Glorious Day" and the No. 1 hit single "Until the Whole World Hears." The powerhouse tour saw more than 350,000 fans in 82 cities. The 54-minute concert DVD additionally includes 80 minutes of behind-the-scenes content. For more information, visit: www.providentpress.com/artists_pr.php?id=216.

Christian music's GRAMMY, AMA, and Dove Award-winning Artist of the Year, **Casting Crowns** is headed by frontman/principal songwriter **Mark Hall**. The platinum-selling band's recent fourth album, *Until The Whole World Hears*, sold 167,000 copies first-week setting a sales record as the highest debuting Christian music artist in SoundScan history (week ending 11/22/09). The album certified RIAA Gold in four weeks, with more than 800,000 sold to date.

All of the Atlanta-based band's projects are RIAA certified, with a monster tally of two RIAA Platinum Albums, two RIAA Platinum DVDs, three RIAA Gold Albums and a Gold DVD, holding position as *Billboard's* top-selling act in Christian music since 2007. Despite an unprecedented six-year career with **Casting Crowns**, the seven band members remain active in student ministry in the Atlanta area and tour part-time around their local church duties. Serving his 18th year in youth ministry, Hall is the student pastor at Eagle's Landing First Baptist Church in Atlanta. As a remarkable occasion, **Casting Crowns** performed for a second time in North Korea in April 2009, in partnership with Global Resource Services, as the band continues to forge invaluable relationships with the people in the D.P.R.K.

For more information, visit www.castingcrowns.com or follow the band on Mark Hall's Twitter at twitter.com/markhallCC.

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The 42nd Annual GMA Dove Awards were held at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta, Ga. on Wednesday, April 20th. The awards show will be televised on GMC at 8:00 p.m. ET/delayed PT on Easter Sunday, April 24th. GMC is the fastest-growing network in television and can be seen in 47 million homes on various cable systems around the country, on DIRECTV on channel 338 and on Verizon FiOS on channel 224. For a complete list of winners, visit www.gospelmusic.org.

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