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**FIRST-TIME NOMINEE KERRIE ROBERTS RECOGNIZED IN
CELEBRATED “NEW ARTIST OF THE YEAR” AND “FEMALE VOCALIST”
CATEGORIES FOR 2011 DOVE AWARDS**

(Nashville, Tenn.) Feb. 16, 2011 – Pop songstress **Kerrie Roberts** celebrates her first career nominations today for the **42nd Annual GMA Dove Awards**, with honors in the two high-profile categories of **New Artist of the Year** and **Female Vocalist of the Year**. Nominees were announced today in Atlanta, Ga., at the historic Fox Theatre.

After receiving the news this morning, **Roberts** said, “I’m just so thankful for the opportunities and experiences I’ve had this year that have led up to today’s announcement.” She adds, “I couldn’t be more proud of my fellow nominees in both categories, and am truly honored to be associated with them.”

Roberts released her soulful-pop, self-titled debut album Aug. 24, 2010, on Reunion Records. The project’s lead single, “**No Matter What**,” performed as a multi-format **Top 5** hit on *Billboard*’s Christian AC and CHR radio charts, receiving **115 million** cumulative listener impressions to date. The album’s second single “**Outcast**” remains a **Top 5** hit on the CHR radio chart this week, and the new single, “**Take You Away**,” is currently adding to Christian AC stations around the country.

The album’s track “**Unstoppable**” has also been featured on the FOX network in broadcast promos for the current 10th season of “**American Idol**.” With proven strong radio support, the emotive singer’s huge, soaring vocals and transparent songwriting poise her to be the next breakthrough voice in Christian music.

As stated last year, Mike Prendergast, Director of Programming for KLTN in Dallas, predicted Kerrie Roberts as “**New Artist of the Year**” saying, “She’s one of the best new acts I’ve heard in a while.”

Roberts wrapped a 10-city run with Building 429 this month as part of the **Food For The Hungry Winter Blast 2011** tour, following a busy 2010, opening for **Casting Crowns** on several show dates, and appearing on the **Very Merry Christmas Tour** with **Newsong** and **Newsboys**.

The south Florida native’s first performance came at the age of five years old. Growing up a pastor’s daughter, she was the youngest member of the church choir and would stand on top of a milk crate to see over the choir’s partition. After learning to play piano, Roberts wrote her first songs in high school and began performing in churches and local venues.

For more information on **Kerrie Roberts**, with performance videos and more, please visit: www.kerrieroberts.com and www.twitter.com/Kerrie_Roberts.

The 42nd Annual GMA Dove Awards will be held at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta, Ga. on Wednesday, April 20th. The awards show will be televised on GMC at 8:00p.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.

About the 42nd Annual GMA Dove Awards

The GMA Dove Awards is Christian/Gospel music's biggest night of the year, where top artists from every style of gospel music come together for a night of music and celebration as the GMA bestows the industry's highest honor -- the Dove Award.

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