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**MICHAEL W. SMITH RELEASES LONG-AWAITED  
SECOND INSTRUMENTAL PROJECT, *GLORY***

*Smith's 23rd Career Studio Album Available Nov. 22*

(*NASHVILLE, Tenn.*) Aug. 29, 2011 -- One of contemporary Christian music's most enduring and beloved artists, **Michael W. Smith** presents the highly anticipated instrumental follow-up to his 2000 RIAA Gold-selling album, *Freedom*. Titled *Glory*, the project, Smith's 23rd career record, will be available at national retail outlets on Nov. 22.

Recorded with a 65-piece orchestra at London's prestigious AIR Studios (Andrew Lloyd Webber, Peter Gabriel, Pirates of the Caribbean, "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader"), *Glory* was arranged by Smith's longtime friend David Hamilton and features a moving collection of original music. Included on the album, produced by Smith, are "Glory – The Overture," "The Patriot," "Heroes," "Whitaker's Wonder," "Redemption," "Atonement," "The Romance," "The Tribute" and a larger-than-life symphonic version of "Agnus Dei."

Smith comments, "I've said many times that *Freedom* is my favorite record, so I'm very excited to be releasing my second instrumental record. I think the people that enjoyed *Freedom* will love this one; and I actually think some of the unique musical twists this project is taking will open it up to a whole new audience as well."

On the inspiration for *Glory*, Smith notes, "When I work with an orchestra I feel like I'm in my element. I often think of the film 'Chariots of Fire' and the famous quote by the film's hero Eric Liddell. He says, 'when I run I feel His pleasure.' This statement encompasses my experience when I work on instrumental music. When I'm able to see sweeping melodies and epic, cinematic songs come to fruition, it's like I am offering a prayer to our Father in Heaven."

*Glory* will be released via MWS Group and distributed by Provident Distribution/Sony Music. Standby for additional on Smith's forthcoming fall and winter tours. For a list of current tour dates, visit: [www.michaelwsmith.com](http://www.michaelwsmith.com).

**About Michael W. Smith**

Throughout his 29-year career as a recording artist, **Michael W. Smith** has amassed an impressive catalog of achievements. His prior 22 albums have garnered multiple honors including an American Music Award, three GRAMMY® Awards (from 13 nominations), 44 GMA Dove Awards and 33 No. 1 radio hits. In addition, he holds 16 Gold, 7 Platinum and 2 Double-Platinum albums for career sales of 15 million. *Wonder*, Smith's 22nd career album, released Sept. 28, 2010. Inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2009, Smith has scored film projects, written 12 books and been featured by media outlets including "Hannity," NBC's "Today," ABC's "Good Morning America," "NBC Nightly News," "Larry King Live," "FOX & Friends," *The Associated Press*, *Billboard*, *USA Today*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsweek* and more.

Constantly giving back to the community, one of Smith's current projects is Rockettown – a nightclub for teens in his hometown of Nashville, Tenn. – which serves as a safe place for young people to enjoy music and for artists to be discovered. He and wife of 30 years, Debbie, are the proud parents of five children.

For more information on **Michael W. Smith** please visit: [www.michaelwsmith.com](http://www.michaelwsmith.com), [www.facebook.com/michaelwsmithofficial](http://www.facebook.com/michaelwsmithofficial), or [www.providentpress.com](http://www.providentpress.com)

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