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MICHAEL W. SMITH RELEASES
A NEW HALLELUJAH – THE LIVE WORSHIP DVD MAR. 17

POWERFUL NIGHT OF WORSHIP CAPTURED IN HD

(NASHVILLE, Tenn.) January 26, 2008 – On the heels of an incredibly successful 2008, including having one of the top-selling and most acclaimed projects of the year and the announcement of his upcoming induction into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame (2/2/09), **Michael W. Smith** releases *A New Hallelujah – The Live Worship DVD* on **March 17**.

This new DVD is the video companion to Smith's newest record, and third worship album, *A New Hallelujah*. Recorded live in Houston last summer before 12,000 people, a 250-voice choir and several special guests including the African Children's Choir and 2008 GRAMMY Award-winner, Israel Houghton, this DVD captures the powerful experience of the evening's worship in high-definition. The 90-minute long project features all 13 songs from *A New Hallelujah* (10/28/08), plus four new tracks and exclusive behind-the-scenes footage.

Steve Gilreath, the DVD's director, notes, "This project truly makes you feel like you were in the room that night, and the HD quality only adds to the experience. It's amazing how you can feel the room ebb and flow as the evening progresses. This really is more of an 'experience' project than a standard DVD."

Smith's first worship album, simply titled *Worship*, released on September 11, 2001, and has sold more than a 1.5 million copies. Its follow up *Worship Again* released September 19, 2002, and is nearing the 800,000 mark.

About Michael W. Smith

Michael W. Smith has amassed an impressive catalog of achievements. His 20 prior albums have garnered multiple honors including an American Music Award, 3 GRAMMY® Awards (from 13 nominations) and 42 Gospel Music Association Dove Awards, and 33 No. 1 radio hits. In addition, he holds 16 Gold and 5 Platinum albums and career sales approaching 15 million.

Over his 25-year career, Smith has used his platform as a leader and acclaimed entertainer to serve, teach, and lead offstage. Constantly giving back to the community, one of his current projects is Rocketown -- 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 is married to Debbie Smith and they are the proud parents of five children. For up-to-date information on Michael W. Smith, please visit www.michaelwsmith.com or www.reunionrecords.com.

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