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GRAMMY-WINNING RECORDING ARTISTS AMY GRANT AND MICHAEL W. SMITH ANNOUNCE MULTI-CITY '2 FRIENDS' TOUR SLATED FOR EARLY 2011

Marks the First Time These Iconic Performers Have Toured Together In More Than Two Decades

NASHVILLE, TN – Nov. 9, 2010 – Multi-platinum recording artists **Amy Grant** and **Michael W. Smith** have announced plans for a multi-city U.S. tour that will reunite these two iconic singer/songwriters for the first time on the road together (for a non-holiday tour) in more than two decades. Kicking off in early February, the **"2 Friends"** tour is slated to hit approximately 20 cities across the country, including Chicago, Omaha, Minneapolis and Cleveland, among others.

Undoubtedly a landmark experience for music fans, the tour showcases two of Christian music's most recognized and beloved artists who have, together, won nine GRAMMY® Awards and sold more than 47 million albums. The two first toured together in 1982 on Grant's Age to Age Tour. Her *Age to Age* album was exploding up the Christian music charts, thanks to hits like "El Shaddai" and "Sing Your Praise To The Lord." Smith toured as Grant's keyboard player and opening act, supporting his debut release, *Project*, which generated instant classics like "Great Is The Lord" and "Friends." They toured together on and off through the rest of that decade, culminating in the record-setting "Lead Me On" tour. They have continued to collaborate together musically over the years.

"I've always said I wouldn't be where I am without Amy Grant," Smith says. "When Amy hired me to play keyboards for her, I never could have anticipated where it would take me. This many years later, to get to tour together again is just awesome. When I think about set lists and what we might do together, the question isn't, 'Where do we start?' The question is, 'Where do we stop?' This will be a fun night with a lot of great memories."

"That first decade we toured together was really pretty amazing," Grant adds. "There's a nostalgia element that comes with having worked with someone solidly for so long and I'm ecstatic about hitting the road with Michael again. We will share the stage and participate in each other's sets. But no kidding, I will have just as much fun sitting on the side of the stage and watching him. It will be like old times."

Both artists will perform music from their vast catalog of fan favorites, along with selections from their current chart-topping albums: Grant's *Somewhere Down The Road* (March 2010), and Smith's brand new project, *Wonder* (Sept. 2010). Ticket information for the 2 Friends Tour will be available on each artist's website: www.amygrant.com and www.michaelwsmith.com.

About Amy Grant:
Amy Grant's career spans over 30 years and stretches from her roots in gospel into an iconic pop star, songwriter, television personality and philanthropist. Grant has sold more than 30 million albums and won six GRAMMY® Awards in multiple categories, beginning with the platinum selling *Age to Age* in 1982. She also has six #1 hits, including "Baby, Baby," and "Every Heartbeat" and is one of only two Christian artists to be awarded a star on the legendary Walk of Fame in Hollywood.

Grant released her first live recording in 25 years with *Time Again...Amy Grant Live* in September 2006, and then announced her first ever label shift to EMI Music Group where her entire music catalog was re-mastered. In March of 2010, Grant released ***Somewhere Down The Road***, a collection of songs about the journey of life and faith. The album debuted at #2 on the iTunes Christian music chart and the first single, "Better Than A Hallelujah," was a Top 10 Christian radio hit and #1 on the iTunes Christian singles chart. For more information, go to www.amygrant.com.

About Michael W. Smith:
Throughout his 28-year career as a recording artist, Michael W. Smith has amassed an impressive catalog of achievements. His prior 21 albums have garnered multiple honors including an American Music Award, three GRAMMY® Awards (from 13 nominations), 44 GMA Dove Awards (in addition to 1 nomination in the 41st Annual 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 approaching 17 million. ***Wonder***, Smith's 22nd career album, released Sept. 28, 2010. Inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2009, Smith has also scored several film projects, written 11 books and has been featured by media outlets including "Hannity," NBC's "Today Show," ABC's "Good Morning America," "NBC Nightly News," "Larry King Live," "FOX & Friends" and more.

Constantly giving back to the community, one of Smith's current projects is Rocketown – a nightclub for teens in his hometown of Nashville, Tenn. – which serves as safe place for young people to enjoy music and for artists to be discovered. He and wife of 29 years, Debbie, are the proud parents of five children. For up-to-date information on Michael W. Smith, please visit www.michaelwsmith.com or www.providentpress.com.

2 FRIENDS TOUR – MICHAEL W. SMITH & AMY GRANT
** Dates may not be final and are subject to change without notice.*

Feb. 10	Holland, MI	Central Wesleyan Church
Feb. 11	Peoria, IL	Peoria Civic Center
Feb. 12	Chicago, IL	Chicago Theatre
Feb. 13	Minneapolis, MN	Orpheum, Theatre
Feb. 14	Omaha, NE	Holland Performing Arts Centre
Feb. 17	North Charleston, SC	North Charleston Performing Arts Center
Feb. 18	Franklin, NC	Smokey Mountain Center for the Performing Arts
Feb. 19	New Bern, NC	Temple Baptist Church
Feb. 24	Cleveland, OH	Playhouse Square Center

Feb. 25	Grove City, OH	Grove City Church of the Nazarene
Feb. 26	Erie, PA	Warner Theatre
Feb. 27	Huntington, WV	Big Sandy Arena
March 3	Lowell, MA	Lowell Memorial Auditorium
March 4	Rochester, NY	Auditorium Theatre
March 6	Lancaster, PA	American Music Theatre

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