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MATT MAHER ON THE ROAD WITH THIRD DAY *New Music Video Debut, "Rise Up"*

(Nashville, Tenn.) April. 18, 2012—Following a 2012 GRAMMY Award nomination for his writing contribution to Chris Tomlin’s “I Lift My Hands,” **Matt Maher** continues his ever-growing contribution to songs for churches worldwide. Additionally, the singer/song-writer/worship leader continues to see positive momentum on the road with Third Day’s “Make Your Move” tour and the release of his latest music video “Rise Up.”

"As the body of Christ, the church has a unique opportunity to impact culture and influence change. Writing alongside the talented artists and songwriters I've had the privilege of working with is such an honor and even more so when these songs get into the hearts and minds of the church. If we can collectively do what we do best in order to see the body come together and truly show a dying world something worth living (and dying) for, then that's a tremendous honor and I'm thankful for the opportunities I have to be a part of a global conversation about a universal truth."

Maher’s music not only continues to have a presence in Sunday worship services across the globe but also on tour. Having completed another successful run of “The Love In Between” tour this January and February featuring special guest, Audrey Assad, he immediately joined label mate Third Day on its 2012 Spring “**Make Your Move**” **Tour** which launched March 16 and will visit **30 + cities** in the **U.S.**

Most recently, Maher premiered his latest music video and single, “Rise Up” last week. The video received more than 24,000 views its first day and continues to be seen over multiple formats. In promotion of “Rise Up,” Maher is also making the single available as a free download on NoiseTrade <http://noisetrade.com/mattmaher>. The song has been in the top 5 on the site over the past two weeks. In addition, “Rise Up” was among the top three most-added songs at AC Radio this week (for three consecutive weeks) and is No. 24 on the *Billboard* National Audience Chart.

About Matt Maher:

Matt Maher –singer/song-writer/worship leader and recording artist – has embraced his calling as a “musical missionary” to impact a global stage.

Maher is well known for writing moving worship anthems including “Your Grace Is Enough,” “As It Is In Heaven,” “Hold Us Together,” “Christ Is Risen,” “I Will Rise,” “All To Us,” and “Here For You.” His songs have continue to grow in popularity on the CCLI chart, marking their popularity in church services worldwide, while also being recorded by artists including Chris Tomlin, Audrey Assad, Matt Redman, and the Passion movement. Additionally “Alive Again” was selected by iTunes as the best Christian & Gospel song of 2009. Such popularity has prompted more than 350,000 career sales. National media exposure includes the covers of *Breakaway* and *Christian Single*, a live performance on “FOX & Friends,” and guest writer for *Billboard* magazine.

Maher sits on the board of directors for the Catholic youth organization, Life Teen, and is a staple writer with EMI CMG Publishing. Amid busy touring and writing schedules, he hosts WorshipTogether's "New Song Café" and is an active, bylined contributor to *The Washington Post's* "On Faith" section (<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/on-faith>), an interactive conversation on religion.

His latest project, *The Love In Between*, released Sept. 20, 2011. The album debuted at No. 7 on the SoundScan Top Contemporary Christian Chart and graced the *Billboard* 200 at No. 97. *The Love In Between* additionally experienced notable success at iTunes, breaking into the Top 5 on the Christian & Gospel Top Albums Chart.

For more information on **Matt Maher**, visit www.mattmahermusic.com. Also follow Matt on Twitter at www.twitter.com/mattmahermusic.

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