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MICHAEL W. SMITH RELEASES A NEW HALLELUJAH OCTOBER 28, 2008

Smith's Third Worship Album Recorded Live With More Than 12,000 in Attendance, a Choir of 250 and Several Special Guests

(NASHVILLE, Tenn.) July 14, 2008 – On June 20, 2008 in Houston, Texas, along with more than 12,000 in attendance, **Michael W. Smith** recorded his third worship album, *A New Hallelujah*, which will be available everywhere October 28, 2008 (Reunion Records). A choir of 250, along with special guests, The African Children's Choir and worship leaders Israel Houghton and Coalo Zamorano, led a two-hour worship event, yielding *A New Hallelujah*.

The upcoming record, Smith's 21st, will offer a unique, moving worship experience through songs like "Mighty to Save," "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone" and "I Surrender All," (song list subject to change) along with several new songs that Michael wrote especially for the project. The title track was penned by Smith, his wife Debbie and friend Paul Baloche. The album was arranged and produced by Smith.

"Since my last world tour a few years ago, I've been looking forward to recording a live worship project that reflected something more global than I've ever done before; a collection of songs and voices to translate what I experienced that year. I had hoped for an evening of worship that reflected the corners of our nation, and the world; I think we captured that," shares Smith. "My great friend Israel Houghton, the world renowned African Children's Choir, an incredible young worship leader named Coalo Zamorano and a 250-voice choir elevated the songs to amazing moments of praise and worship. It was more than I could have hoped for."

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

Throughout his 25-year career as a recording artist, Michael W. Smith has amassed an impressive catalog of achievements. His 20 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.

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Smith has scored several film projects, written 11 books and been named one of *People Magazine's* Most Beautiful People. His tours consistently rank among the best attended in the country and he has performed to capacity crowds throughout the world. 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 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, including tour itinerary, please visit www.michaelwsmith.com or www.reunionrecords.com.

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