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MICHAEL W. SMITH AND STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN
TEAM UP FOR THE FIRST TIME ON "THE UNITED TOUR"

Tour Brings Two of Christian Music's Most Influential Artists
Together For Performances In More than 20 Major Markets This Fall

(NASHVILLE, Tenn.) August 4, 2008 – Two GRAMMY® award-winning and multi-Platinum selling artists, Michael W. Smith and Steven Curtis Chapman, join forces for the "The United Tour" which kicks off October 9 in Columbus, Ohio and concludes in St. Augustine, Florida on November 8.

This unique tour showcases two of Christian Music's most recognized and beloved artists. Together, Chapman and Smith have garnered a staggering eight GRAMMY ® awards, 96 Dove Awards, 77 No. 1 singles and more than 30 Gold and Platinum albums. The idea for the tour came together shortly after Chapman and Smith spent time together in the UK working on the "Compassionart project" that brought more than 10 of Christian Music's most revered singers, songwriters and worship leaders together to write and record a collection of songs, for charity.

Both artists will perform music from their current and upcoming albums: Chapman's ***This Moment*** (10/23/07) and Smith's ***A New Hallelujah*** (10/28/08). This also marks the first tour for Chapman since his family's loss of their daughter Maria.

Pre-sale tickets for this landmark tour are available now on each artist's fan-sites: www.michaelwsmith.com and www.stevencurtischapman.com. In addition, Smith's long-time ministry partner, Compassion International (www.compassion.com) and Chapman's adoption ministry Shaohannah's Hope (www.shaohannahshope.org) will benefit from the tour. (For further information on how to support either cause, please visit their respective websites.)

"THE UNITED TOUR" Fall 2008
**Dates, markets and venues subject to change without notice.*

OCTOBER			
Thursday	October 9th	Columbus, OH	Palace Theatre
Friday	October 10th	Cincinnati, OH	Aronoff Center
Saturday	October 11th	Roanoke, VA	Civic Center Auditorium
Tuesday	October 14th	McMurry, PA	South Hills Bible Church
Thursday	October 16th	Myrtle Beach, SC	The Beach Church

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Friday	October 17th	Atlanta, GA	Cobb Energy Centre
Saturday	October 18th	Spartanburg, SC	Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium
Sunday	October 19th	Birmingham, AL	Wright Center
Thursday	October 23rd	Tulsa, OK	Spirit Bank Events Center
Friday	October 24th	Omaha, NE	Holland Center
Saturday	October 25th	Waukegan, IL	Genesee Theatre
Sunday	October 26th	Merrillville, IN	Star Plaza Theatre
Wednesday	October 29th	Lowell, MA	Lowell Memorial Auditorium
Thursday	October 30th	Rochester, NY	Auditorium Theatre
Friday	October 31st	Bethesda, MD	Music Center at Strathmore

NOVEMBER

Saturday	November 1st	Albany, NY	Palace Theatre
Wednesday	November 5th	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Broward Center
Thursday	November 6th	Sebring, FL	FL Community College
Friday	November 7th	Clearwater, FL	Ruth Eckerd Hall
Saturday	November 8th	St. Augustine, FL	St. Augustine Amphitheatre

About Steven Curtis Chapman:
Steven Curtis Chapman has sold over ten million records including two RIAA certified platinum albums and seven RIAA certified gold albums. Along with his Dove and GRAMMY ® awards, Chapman has won an American Music Award, has recorded 44 No. 1 US radio hits and been awarded 54 Dove Awards, more than any other artist to date. Since his recording career began in 1987, Chapman has recorded sixteen projects with Sparrow Records.

He has performed at the White House and has appeared on multiple national programs via CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN, MSNBC, CMT, FOX News, the Hallmark Channel and E!, including Good Morning America, Larry King Live, CBS Sunday Morning, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, and more. More than five years ago, Chapman and his wife MaryBeth created Shaohannah's Hope after bringing their first adopted daughter, Shaohannah, home from China. The ministry's goal is to help families reduce the financial barrier of adoption, and has provided grants to over 1700 families wishing to adopt orphans from around the world. For further information on Shaohannah's Hope the adoption ministry of Steven Curtis Chapman, please visit: www.stevencurtischapman.com.

"Yours" will be the third single off *This Moment* with an additional verse recently written and recorded that allowed Chapman to acknowledge his experience with losing a child. "Yours" follows the hit Christian and mainstream single "Cinderella" a song written by Chapman compelling us to cherish every moment to the fullest with those that we love, especially our children.

About Michael W. Smith:
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), 42 Gospel Music Association Dove Awards and 33 No. 1 radio hits. In addition, he holds 16 Gold and 5 Platinum albums for career sales approaching 15 million.

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Smith has scored several film projects, written 11 books and has been featured by media outlets including, NBC's Today Show, Good Morning America, NBC Nightly News, Larry King Live, FOX and Friends, Hannity and Colmes, USA Today, NY Times, The Washington Post, LA Times, Newsweek, has been named one of People Magazine's Most Beautiful People and has presented multiple times on the GRAMMY Awards show. 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.

Michael W. Smith's 21st album, ***A New Hallelujah***, was recorded live before more than 12,000 in attendance with a choir of 250 and a few very special guests including The African Children's Choir and worship leader Israel Houghton. ***A New Hallelujah*** releases on October 28, 2008.

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.

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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