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RHETT WALKER GARNERS GRAMMY NOMINATION AS SONGWRITER

Artist Recognized for Contribution to “When Mercy Found Me”
From Rhett Walker Band Debut Album *Come To The River*

(NASHVILLE, Tenn.) December 6, 2012 – Last night, **Rhett Walker** garnered his first career GRAMMY nomination in the **Best Contemporary Christian Music Song** category for his contribution as a co-writer (along with Jeff Pardo) on the **Rhett Walker Band** hit single, “When Mercy Found Me.”

“I couldn’t believe it when I heard the news. I’m blown away! I’m here at the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville for the GRAMMY nomination event with my wife and our six-week-old daughter and I could not be more overwhelmed. I’m just a kid from the South that writes songs about life. To be recognized in this way just blows my mind. It is such an honor,” shared an enthusiastic Walker backstage between high fives with LL Cool J, Ne-Yo and Alabama Shakes’ Brittany Howard. “This is for all the Rhett Necks!” Walker spent the rest of the evening talking with media outlets including E!, The Insider, FOX News, CBS and more.

Nominations for the 55th Annual GRAMMY Awards were announced last night during The Recording Academy’s “The GRAMMY Nominations Concert Live!! — Countdown To Music’s Biggest Night,” a one-hour CBS entertainment special broadcast live for the first time ever from Bridgestone Arena in Nashville.

The 55th Annual GRAMMY Awards will be held on GRAMMY Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013, at Staples Center in Los Angeles and once again will be broadcast live in high-definition TV and 5.1 surround-sound on CBS from 8–11:30 p.m. (ET/PT).

Images from last night’s event can be found at <http://www.wireimage.com/>. The specific link to Rhett Walker’s images are here: <http://bit.ly/TEZqlZ>.

About Rhett Walker Band

As a teenager Rhett Walker realized his need for mercy and redemption. Owning up to life’s challenges and fully embracing God’s grace, Rhett developed a focus on what mattered most to him: Faith, family and country.

Rhett Walker Band’s debut *Come To The River* (7/10/12) featuring the powerful “**When Mercy Found Me,**” crackles with the musical energy of Walker’s native South. “When Mercy Found Me,” the album’s debut single, peaked in the Top 10 of *Billboard’s* National Christian Audience chart and earned Rhett a **GRAMMY nomination** as a songwriter. *Come To The River’s* bold theme of “grace with a calling” reflects a reverence for God, family and country that are both personal and universal.

This momentum is translating in the live setting as well with opportunities all over the country with several national tours, summer festivals and state fairs.

For more information on **Rhett Walker Band**, visit: www.rhettwalkerband.com, www.facebook.com/rhettwalkerband and [@rhettwalkerband](https://twitter.com/rhettwalkerband).

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