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TENTH AVENUE NORTH FINISHES 2009 STRONG WITH RADIO, RETAIL AND TOURING SUCCESSES

*Band Ranks No. 1 on Billboard's Hot Christian Songs Artists Chart,
No. 2 on the Hot Christian Songs Chart and holds the No. 3 Song of the Decade*

Over And Underneath Among Billboard's Top 10 Christian Albums For Year

(Nashville, Tenn.) December 23, 2009 – **Tenth Avenue North**, the reigning GMA Dove Awards New Artist of the Year, wrapped an incredibly active and successful 2009 with appearances on both the charts and the airwaves, plus news of appearances already scheduled for 2010.

Coming in at No. 1 on the **Billboard 2009 Hot Christian Songs Artists** chart, the band also landed an impressive two songs on the **Hot Christian Songs** chart, including the No. 1 radio single **“By Your Side”** at **No. 2** and **“Hold My Heart”** at **No. 13**. More impressive is the fact that Tenth Avenue North, still on its first album, ranked **No. 3 on Billboard's overall decade ranking of Christian songs**.

The band's debut record, **Over And Underneath**, finished the year at **No. 10** overall on *Billboard* magazine's list of **Top Christian Albums of 2009**, alongside such Provident Label Group rostermates as Michael W. Smith, Casting Crowns, Third Day and Red. **Over And Underneath** has surpassed the 200,000 sales mark since its release on May 20, 2008.

Tenth Avenue North's radio reception has been equally impressive, with singles “Hold My Heart” and “By Your Side” both notching in the top 10 on AC Monitored and CHR charts. The band was featured on the nationally syndicated “Total Axxess” program's first-ever weeklong “Acoustic Christmas” series, together with Jars of Clay, Red and Brandon Heath the week of Dec. 14.

Fresh off the success of its own headlining “Inside and In Between” tour this fall – seeing more than half of the shows sold-out – Tenth Avenue North has been tabbed as special guests for two months worth of dates on Casting Crowns' “Until The Whole World Hears” tour in 2010, paving the way for the release of Tenth Avenue North's sophomore effort in early summer.

About Tenth Avenue North:

Named GMA Dove Awards New Artist of the Year (2009), **Tenth Avenue North** was the best-selling and most played new Christian artist of 2008, scoring three No. 1s at radio and crossing the 100,000 sales mark with its debut **Over and Underneath** (5/20/08) in just eleven months. The band – Mike Donehey (lead vocals/acoustic guitar), Jason Jamison (drummer) and Jeff Owen (electric guitar/background vocals) – has toured extensively over the last year in support of **Over and Underneath** (recently crossing the 200,000 mark in total album sales), and recently wrapped an impressive run of shows on its very first headlining tour- “Inside and In Between”. Tenth Avenue North is one of the few debut bands that have experienced enough momentum to headline its own tour with only one album under its belt. For up-to-date information on Tenth Avenue North please visit www.tenthavenuenorth.com or www.providentpress.com.

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