

## the {m} media collective

Yes, it's that time again! We look forward to booking interviews with you once again for **GMA Week 2006**, and have listed below our artists and their availability.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE PUBLICIST CONTACT INFO FOR ARTISTS, AS THIS LIST CONTAINS ARTISTS REPRESENTED BY MYSELF, STACIE & LORI\*\***

(For future reference beyond GMA, see attached roster).

ALSO.....Please make a note and save Tuesday night for concerts where have a great group of artists performing (Skillet returns; Decyfer Down, Falling Up, Hawk Nelson {on their release date!}, & Falling Up)

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you soon!

Velvet, Stacie & Lori

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### 4HIM (INO Records)

After a 16-year career defining Christian music with their signature harmonies and inspirational songs, 4HIM released their final studio recorded in January 2006. This landmark group began their 4HIM career in 1990, after becoming acquainted with one another during their time in the vocal group Truth. Throughout their time together, 4HIM has received much acclaim for their 11 hit albums including an RIAA Gold certified album (*The Basics of Life*), 24 No. 1 radio singles, eight Dove Awards including three "Group of the Year," and a Grammy Award nomination as well as Alabama's Music Hall of Fame for The Governor's Achievement Award. In addition to their numerous tours across the nation, the group has also been featured performers with the Billy Graham and Louis Palau crusades.

**Interview Room Availability:** TBD, at the The Media Collective Suite, Renaissance Hotel  
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### Todd Agnew (SRE Recordings)

One of Christian music's most distinct voices and worship leaders, this Memphis resident and singer/songwriter released his sophomore effort, *Reflection of Something*, last August following the release of his breakthrough 2003 solo debut, *Grace Like Rain*. This year's GMA Week will be a big one for Todd as he is eager to promote his current CD and the hit single, "My Jesus." In the two years since its release, *Grace Like Rain* has shipped almost 200,000 copies and produced the No. 1 CHR radio anthems "This Fragile Breath (The Thunder Song)" and "Grace Like Rain." Agnew has also garnered six Gospel Music Dove Award nominations and performed before a half a million people.

**INTERVIEW ROOM AVAILABILITY:** Monday, April 3rd from 1-3pm and off site for video interviews

**PERFORMANCE:** Performing at Monday night's Annual World Vision GMA event (Ryman Auditorium, 7:30pm) and radio breakfast Tuesday morning, Renaissance Hotel.

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### Jeremy Camp (BEC Recordings)

GMA is a big time for Jeremy. He is the reigning GMA Dove Award winner-Male Vocalist of the Year and Best Rock Recorded Song (and don't forget he's the 2004 Male Vocalist of the Year and New Artist of the Year!). Jeremy is **nominated FOUR times** for this year's GMA Music Awards: For the top honor – Artist of the Year; Male Vocalist of the Year; Rock Recorded Song (for "Lay Down My Pride" as artist and songwriter, from his hit record, *Restored*); and Pop/Contemporary Album (for *Restored*) –which just went GOLD! From praise and worship to his unique blend of pop/rock, people love and WANT to know more about Jeremy Camp! He has **NINE No. 1 radio hits** - *Stay* yielded multi-format radio hits, achieving six No. 1's and *Restored* has achieved, so far, three No. 1 hits with "Take You Back" (#1 for 14 weeks in a row!), "Lay Down My Pride" and "This Man." Take some time at this year's GMA to talk more with Jeremy and find out about his upcoming late 2006 studio release, about Adie, his wife's new CD, and about how he's going to handle two daughters – his second child with Adie is scheduled to arrive and join big sister Isabella Rose this spring!

**INTERVIEW AVAILABILITY:** Jeremy is available for interviews on Monday, April 3rd, from 11am-1pm and 4-5pm at the The Media Collective Suite, Renaissance Hotel

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### Circleslide (Centricity)

A four-piece band whose music blends folk rock, British pop and 80s new wave, Circleslide's distinctive Americana-Brit pop style has been compared to everything from Bob Dylan and Neil Young to U2 and Radiohead. Following last year's independent release of its acclaimed four-song EP, *Connectology*, the band is preparing to launch its national debut, *Uncommon Days*, from strong independent newcomer Centricity Records. With the release of *Uncommon Days*, Circleslide chronicles the hours and days of our lives through a perfect blend of musical ingenuity, lyrical accessibility and a touch of artfulness.

**INTERVIEW AVAILABILITY:** Pending on Monday and Tuesday in Centricity's suite, Renaissance Hotel  
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### **Decyfer Down (SRE Recordings)**

New S/R/E Recordings band DECYFER DOWN has already received solid **airplay from mainstream modern and active rock stations** in their hometown region of North Carolina, including WARQ in Columbia, South Carolina. Commenting on their early support of the band, the station's Music Director Mark Lee remarked, "From the first time I saw Decyfer Down, I knew that they were **something special... incredible stage presence....brilliant live show...pulsing melodies with heartfelt, deep lyrics** that ANY rock fan will be quickly turned on to. WARQ has been spinning Decyfer Down's "I'll Breathe For You" for a couple of months to a wonderful response from our listeners."

Although **raised in church**, individually the members have each dealt with difficult times from one guys' being **burned by the church and religion, another's life of parties and drugs, and even jail time for one, they came together at a time where they all needed renewal, and returned to their faith:** "We were just trying to crawl our way back into a deeper understanding of God – for him to heal the wounds we had in our own personal lives," says drummer Josh Oliver. "The music began to change and evolve as our walk with God did."

The band has also already shared the stage, in festivals and concerts such as X-fest 04' and Shoutfest 03', and 05', with a diversity of national acts including **Cold, Puddle of Mudd, Breaking Benjamin, Strata, Theory of a dead man, Smile empty soul, Crossfade, Skillet**, Tree 63, Jars of Clay, Day of Fire, Spoken, Tait, Disciple, Seventh Day Slumber, Jeremy Camp, and more.

**INTERVIEW ROOM AVAILABILITY** (off site avail beyond this): Monday, 12-1, Tuesday, 11-1, at the The Media Collective Suite, Renaissance Hotel

**PERFORMANCE:** Tuesday SRE/Centricity Late Night: Renaissance Ballroom, 9:30 pm

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### **Anthony Evans (INO Records)**

Anthony will be busy this GMA promoting his upcoming sophomore release, titled *Letting Go*. This Dallas-based singer is already widely recognized for his distinct and dynamic vocals, his joyful expression of passionate faith, and for his insatiable thirst to understand matters that are important in his relationship with God. Anthony is the son of Dr. Tony Evans (Pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas and President of The Urban Alternative) and is a second-generation minister and well-seasoned performer. Anthony grew up singing in the church and decided to make it a career, much to the satisfaction of such notable fans as Kirk Franklin, Yolanda Adams and Franklin Graham, to name just a few. Come meet with Anthony and really get to know this amazing guy!

**INTERVIEW AVAILABILITY:** Tuesday, April 4th from 11-12pm at Media Collective Suite, Renaissance Hotel and for video interviews

**GMA PERFORMANCE:** Tuesday morning Radio breakfast at Renaissance Hotel

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### **Falling Up (BEC Records)**

BEC Recordings' band Falling Up continues to gain momentum with their sophomore release *Dawn Escapes*, which hit stores this past fall. *Dawn Escapes* is the follow-up to the hit 2004 release *Crashings*. Most recent success includes landing their fourth R&R CHR Rock No. 1 radio single since their debut release. *Dawn Escapes* debuted #4 on the *Billboard* "Heatseekers" chart selling more than 6,000 units during the first week of sales. When they are not relentlessly touring across the country, Falling Up calls Albany, Oregon home. After the Heart of Innocent tour, they will join the "Art of Breaking" tour for 25 cities featuring Thousand Foot Krutch, Hawk Nelson and special guests. This band, formed while in high school five years ago, is composed of Jessy Ribordy (lead vocals), Jeremy Miller (bassist), Josh Shroy (drums), and Joe Kisselburgh (guitar).

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**Interview Room Times Available:** Monday, April 3 from 11 am- noon; Tuesday, April 4 from 11 am- 1pm (time open beyond this upon request), at the The Media Collective Suite, Renaissance Hotel

**GMA Performance:** BEC/Tooth & Nail Showcase Tuesday night 7-9 pm (Renaissance Ballroom)

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### Flyleaf (SRE Recordings/ Octone)

Flyleaf is a band is truly a light in a dark world as they live in the world of clubs and mainstream music. Flyleaf recently released their self-titled debut project this past fall on SRE Recordings to the Christian market and on Octone Records (Maroon 5) to the mainstream market. The lead singer, Lacey has a great story as she came from a family of 6 with a single mom. Her family moved from place to place making ends meet. Eventually this led Lacey to hit the bottom almost committing suicide and then finding hope by attending church with her grandmother. "One of the record's theme is about God saving me," Mosley reveals. "If that hadn't happened, I wouldn't be here. The struggles that I went through are what the Bible says produces perseverance, strength and character. I wouldn't take back any of my past because it's exactly what brought me to this point." They have been touring with POD, Stained, and Cold this spring.

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**GMA Performance:** SRE/Centricity Late Night: Renaissance Ballroom, 9:30 pm

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### Sara Groves (INO Records)

Sara just returned from Rwanda on a trip with Rick Warren and his PEACE plan. They also partnered with a coffee roasting company and great friend of Sara's that is helping Rwandan farmers build mini-mills on their land so they can deal directly with clients (rather than getting "robbed" by a middle man). There are lots of great stories to tell from this trip.

This effort, her last minute drive to provide baby supplies to Katrina victims last September, her involvement with the International Justice Mission, Teen Challenge, DATA, The One Campaign and many others, bring to fruition Sara's message in her new album, **ADD TO THE BEAUTY**. The songs talk about the kingdom of God, how it really does exist and is not a place of isolation and perfection; it is not far away where we cannot reach it, rather it happens at all the places where we intersect with each other.

On a lighter note, **Sara Groves** continues her career trek as one of the most critically-acclaimed singer-songwriters in our industry, recently having her latest CD lauded as **CCM Magazine's Album of the Year**, and currently touring with Jars of Clay and Derek Webb.

**INTERVIEW ROOM AVAILABILITY** (possible off site avail beyond this): Monday, 9:30 – 12:00 pm, at the The Media Collective Suite, Renaissance Hotel

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### Hawk Nelson (Tooth & Nail Records)

This powerhouse, punk foursome has won the hearts of fans and media nationwide since their debut release in June 2004 with *Letters to the President*. Since their debut, HAWK NELSON has appeared on NBC's *American Dreams*, had a cameo appearance in the hit Nickelodeon film *Yours, Mine, & Ours*, where they played their original song "Bring Em Out," as well as had their songs featured on WB's *Smallville*, *Summerland* and NBC's 2004 Summer Olympic commercials. This past year, Hawk Nelson has landed in the mainstream magazines *Tiger Beat* and *Popstar* along with a television special with Drake Bell for *Yours, Mine & Ours*. On April 4, 2006 Hawk Nelson will release their sophomore studio release, *Smile, It's The End Of The World*. This project takes a quantum leap forward in musically and lyrically from their debut project. Hawk Nelson is excited about bringing this new project to their devoted fans (those who voted them New Artist of the Year in CCM...landing them on the cover of the Feb. issue!). *Smile, It's The End Of The World* is a positive response to a negative situation. This project is a more intense and deliberate in what the band has to say, yet it has all the fun, energetic elements that the fans have come to know and love. Two songs really describe a lot about what the band wants to share with the readers... "Zero" : talks about suicide and the horrible reality of that and then "Everything You Ever Wanted": about dealing with abandonment and forgiveness.

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**Performance:** BEC/Tooth & Nail Showcase Tuesday night 7-9 pm (Renaissance Ballroom)

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### Jonas Brothers (INO Records/ Columbia)

On their Spring 2006 debut project, *It's About Time*, releasing on INO Records (which also releases on sister label Columbia Records), the Jonas Brothers' pop-punk style gives life to uplifting, positive lyrics from this talented band of brothers – Kevin, Joseph and Nicholas Jonas. You may already be familiar with the name Nicholas Jonas – INO was going to release a solo record on this 13 year-old vocal powerhouse but after recording some background vocals with his brothers, Joseph, 16 and Kevin, 17, the producers realized how great they sounded as a trio. So Jonas Brothers was formed!

Other noteworthy facts:

- MTV has committed to support and break this group as a new artists. The Jonas Brothers are already scheduled to be on TRL 3 times!!!
- The music video for "Mandy" has been uniquely created with three different endings! So each of the videos will premiere on TRL in connection with the guys appearances
- The Jonas Brothers are dedicated to reach teens across the country...they want to be a positive influence.
- They recently appeared in the March 2006 issue of *Teen Vogue*!

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### **MercyMe (INO Records)**

After a solid 4 years of constant stress – both positive and negative – MercyMe is finally COMING UP TO BREATHE, their new studio release, due 4.24. These six men are steadfast, Godly men, and this new album represents that they are literally "Coming up to Breathe"; pulling through the insanity of the past 4 years to a new phase where they have found stability in who they are in Christ, being consistent, solid examples of true perseverance and faith, and men that are comfortable in their own skin.....all the while continuing to be the same, hometown guys they were before becoming a household name.

MercyMe has sold out venues such as Radio City Music Hall; garnered six No. 1 Christian radio hits and three consecutive mainstream and Christian radio hits; sold over 4 million records; appeared on The Tonight Show, CNN, Fox & Friends; lauded on the pages of USA Today, The New York Times, LA Times and Entertainment Weekly; won an American Music Award and numerous GMA Music Awards. In short, they have become what some call ambassadors: bringing evangelistic, Christian music to the mainstream – and simultaneously staying true to their call to make Christ known.

**INTERVIEW ROOM AVAILABILITY** TBD at the **The Media Collective Suite, Renaissance Hotel** (possible outside suite avail as well)

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### **NEEDTOBREATHE (Lava/Atlantic/Sparrow)**

Bridging the gap between college and mainstream rock, NEEDTOBREATHE'S Lava/Atlantic/Sparrow debut (4.4) "Daylight", recorded in the UK and produced by Andy Green, (Keane's multi-platinum "Hopes and Fears"), is loaded with hook-filled songs reminiscent of 2005 sensations The Killers and Maroon5. Given the selection of songs, both Atlantic/Lava and Sparrow promotion teams are planning to hit radio strong this February and March.

Lead by Bear Rinehart (lead vocal, guitar), a former Furman University football standout at wide receiver, who holds several "all-time" school records including career catches, season catches, and career punt return average, he was also given the Banks McFadden trophy in 2002, which is awarded to South Carolina's best collegiate football player by the Greenville Touchdown Club. Bear's brother Bryant "Bo" Rinehart (backing vocals, guitar) co-writes with his brother and was featured in the hit movie "Radio" with Cuba Gooding Jr. and Ed Harris. Bear and Bryant Rinehart are named after the legendary football coach at Alabama, Paul Bear Bryant. Both Rinehart's gave up potential careers in football and acting respectively, to pursue their dream of and passion for music.

The line-up also includes hard-hitting Joe Stillwell (drums/percussion, backing vocals) who is, along with Bear, one of the founding members of **NEEDTOBREATHE**; and Seth Bolt (bass, backing vocals) who recently earned his degree in recording engineering and founded Plantation Studios, where the band produced and recorded all of their independent releases.

**INTERVIEW ROOM AVAILABILITY** Monday at EMI CMG breakfast (more details to come), and possible time on Tuesday as well

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### **Skillset (John Cooper) (Lava/Atlantic Records/SRE/Ardent Recordings)**

Currently recording the follow-up to their best-selling, critically acclaimed and GRAMMY-and GMA Music Award-nominated project COLLIDE, lead singer and primary songwriter John Cooper has written some of **the most creative, expressive and bold songs of his career for this August release**. Produced by Canadian Brian Howes, the new album will be released by Lava/Atlantic in the general market, and new CBA label partner S/R/E in the Christian market.

Coming off the **Grammy nomination and a major New York Times feature** Skillet closed out 2004 with one of the **Top 100 Alternative Rock songs (R&R) of the year**, Skillet toured with 3 Days Grace, Saliva, Earshot, and Finger Eleven, while in 2005 their COLLIDE headline tour sold out and played to capacity crowds all over the country. They spent last summer rocking the mainstage at key summer festivals including **Cornerstone, Kingdom Bound, Sonshine and Creation West**. Also in 2005, Skillet was featured on **vh-1's program "Religion: a Pop Culture History"** and won Christianity Today online's, Christian Music Today 2005 Reader's Poll for Favorite Band.

**INTERVIEW ROOM AVAILABILITY** Tuesday, 9:30-11, at the The Media Collective Suite, Renaissance Hotel

**PERFORMANCE:** Tuesday SRE/Centricity Late Night: Renaissance Ballroom, 9:30 pm

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### **SONICFLOO (INO Records)**

Focusing on the big picture to go out into the world sharing the gospel, pioneering worship band SONICFLOO has dedicated their past year to international travel to visit and perform in five countries around the world. The most recent trip took place this past December in Istanbul, Turkey. After being healed from Crohn's disease, Heil feels that God has given him the opportunity to open his eyes to others hurting, to looking outside of himself and re-evaluating his purpose. SONICFLOO has used their recent release *This Generation* as a call to action for the body of believers to put their faith into prospective. SONICFLOO plans to fulfill their purpose this year as they tour with Compassion International this spring, travel to Europe during the summer and close out the fall with a tour to promote missions with the Southern Baptist Convention's International Mission Board (IMB). SONICFLOO is ready to talk about their worldwide travels and what is on their heart.

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### **The Afters (Simple/INO Records)**

Storming onto the scene with their debut release in 2005, *I Wish We All Could Win*, THE AFTERS' music has landed on the networks of MTV, mtvU, ABC Family, as well as on HOT AC and VH-1 radio and mainstream media outlets such as *Billboard* and *Tiger Beat*. THE AFTERS earned their first no. 1 CHR single with their Dove nominated, hit song "Beautiful Love." THE AFTERS also caught the attention of American Airlines and major teen retailer American Eagle as both utilized the band's music video for "Beautiful Love" for major national promotions. The fans in the Christian market also voiced their opinion as THE AFTERS' were the top selling NEW artist in 2005 with their debut project. This year THE AFTERS are nominated for 3 major categories for the Dove Awards: New Artist of the Year; Rock/Contemporary Recorded Song "Beautiful Love"; Rock/Contemporary Album *I Wish We All Could Win*.

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### **Two Bare Feet (SRE Recordings)**

When bands reach stratospheric levels in the music industry, everyone says they "always knew they had it in them". In the case of Two Bare Feet, fans are watching it unfold right before their eyes. TBF has gone in a few short years from small local gigs to well-received dates through much of the eastern U.S. and a tour of England and Wales. Christian rockers "with an essence of worship," the five-piece group has opened for MercyMe, Tait and Newsong, among others. Their five-song EP led to a showcase and major label interest, and they are now perched at the edge of national attention, signing with SRE Recordings. Advanced music for their July 2006 release date debut will be available before GMA Week, so you are guaranteed to have tunes before your interview. Come and get to know what's behind TWO BARE FEET!

**INTERVIEW ROOM AVAILABILITY:** Tuesday, April 4th from 3-4pm and off site for video interviews, at the The Media Collective Suite, Renaissance Hotel

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**GMA PERFORMANCE:** Tuesday morning Radio breakfast at Renaissance Hotel

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**Phil Wickham (Simple/INO Records)**

Be prepared to be blown away by this singer/songwriter's voice and ability to write a song. Phil Wickham will be releasing his self-titled debut project on April 25 with Bart Millard and Pete Kipley's label Simple Records. Wickham comes to you from California, and he is ready to share his music and heart. With vocals reminiscent of Rufus Wainwright and Jeff Buckley, the guitar bravado of Coldplay and the confessional lyrical style of John Mayer and Josh Rouse, Phil's music shimmers with pop/rock sensibility, innovative melodies and a heart for worship. I can't wait for you to meet Phil and be introduced to his music, which you will have **hopefully by next week via Promo Only!**

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**The Media Collective Roster (2006)**

**Velvet Kelm:**

MercyMe  
NEEDTOBREATHE  
Decyfer Down  
Skillet  
Sara Groves  
TobyMac  
John Tesh  
CeCe Winans  
Aly & AJ  
Stacie Orrico  
Rocket Summer

**Stacie Vining:**

Jeremy Camp  
Steven Curtis Chapman  
Derek Webb  
Todd Agnew  
The Listening  
Chonda Pierce  
Anthony Evans  
Sandi Patty  
Steve Green  
Adie  
Two Bare Feet  
Circleslide

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The Afters  
Hawk Nelson  
Chris Rice  
Jonah33  
Flyleaf  
Darlene Zschech  
4HIM  
Mark Harris

Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir  
Sonicflood  
Phillips, Craig & Dean  
Jonas Brothers  
Phil Wickham  
Falling Up