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UP PRESENTS THE ORIGINAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC SPECIAL

“K-LOVE MUSIC CITY CHRISTMAS”

FEATURING PERFORMANCES AND INTERVIEWS WITH
LEADING CHRISTIAN MUSIC ARTISTS TOBYMAC, NEWSBOYS with
FOR KING & COUNTRY, MANDISA, COLTON DIXON, KARI JOBE,
MATTHEW WEST, BRANDON HEATH, CROWDER,
BIG DADDY WEAVE AND TENTH AVENUE NORTH

HOSTED BY ACTRESS/AUTHOR CANDACE CAMERON BURE

PREMIERING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 8 P.M. EST ON UP

ATLANTA – November 20, 2013 – UP, “America’s Christmas Channel,” and national radio powerhouse, K-LOVE, present the original UP Christmas Special “K-LOVE Music City Christmas” (#KLOVEChristmas), hosted by actress/author Candace Cameron Bure (*Finding Normal*, “Full House”). The first-ever, hour-long special will include performances of beloved Christmas standards and original songs by leading Christian music artists, including TobyMac, Newsboys with for KING & COUNTRY, Mandisa, Colton Dixon, Kari Jobe, Matthew West, Brandon Heath, Crowder, Big Daddy Weave and Tenth Avenue North, as well as heartfelt and lively holiday memories with the stars. The special was taped before a live audience in Nashville, TN. “K-LOVE Music City Christmas” will premiere exclusively on UP on **Monday, December 9 at 8 p.m. EST**, as well as be broadcast to K-LOVE listeners in December.

“As America’s Christmas Channel, we are thrilled to partner with K-LOVE, the top contemporary inspirational radio network, to bring this very special holiday evening to families coast-to-coast,” said Leslie Glenn Chesloff, executive vice president of programming, UP. “This is a unique opportunity to share a spectacular range of Christmas performances by a talented array of artists with a broad audience between the live telecast and broadcast.”

“We are excited that the very first **“K-LOVE Music City Christmas”** special will premiere on UP,” shared David Pierce, K-LOVE and Air1’s Chief Creative Officer. “The network is the ideal partner to present this beautiful Christmas special that is filled with spirited musical performances and meaning.”

“K-LOVE Music City Christmas” features musical performances of classic holiday carols such as “O Holy Night” (Kari Jobe), “We Three Kings” (Tenth Avenue North) and “Go Tell It On The Mountain” (Crowder) with a duet performance of “Jingle Bell Rock” (Newsboys with for KING & COUNTRY). Fans will also hear original songs from TobyMac (“Christmas This Year”), Brandon Heath (“Just A Girl”) and UP’s Emmy®-nominated movie title song “The Heart of Christmas” from Matthew West. Plus, the special features “American Idol” alumni Mandisa (“It’s Christmas”) and Colton Dixon (“Jingle Bells”).

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BIOS

CANDACE CAMERON BURE (HOST)

Candace Cameron Bure is known worldwide for playing the role of D.J. Tanner from the hit television series "Full House," which runs in syndication in over 100 countries. Her feature film credits include *Punchline* with Tom Hanks and Sally Field; the John Hughes film *Some Kind of Wonderful*, and the Cohen Brother's movie *Monster Mash*. After Candace married NHL star Valeri Bure in 1996, she put her career on hold to stay home and raise a full house of her own. She has been happily married for 17 years and is a mother of three children. Over the past few years, Candace has guest starred in multiple television series and movies and fulfilled duties as a guest host on "The View." She became a New York Times bestselling author with the release of her first book Reshaping It All: Motivation for Physical and Spiritual Fitness. Her second book is forthcoming in 2013 and will be published by B&H Publishing. She is a National Ambassador for National House of Hope.

BIG DADDY WEAVE

This year, Big Daddy Weave's monster hit song "Redeemed," which spent 11 weeks at No. 1, took home top honors for "Song of the Year" at the first-ever K-LOVE Fan Awards and received a nomination for "Christian Song of the Year" at the 2013 Billboard Music Awards. The single is from the band's latest album, *Love Come To Life*, which also features the group's current single on radio, "The Only Name (Yours Will Be)." The band, comprised of Mike Weaver, Jay Weaver, Jeremy Redmon, Joe Shirk and Brian Beihl, originally formed when attending the University of Mobile. In 2002 they stepped into the spotlight with the release of their second album, *One and Only*, which debuted in SoundScan's Christian Top 5 and earned them a nomination for Dove Awards' "New Artist of the Year." In 2010, Big Daddy Weave took home the Dove Award for "Christmas Album of the Year" for their seventh album *Christ Is Come*. They have also been honored at ASCAP's Christian Music Awards and are one of the 10 most played artists at Christian radio over the past decade.

BRANDON HEATH

Since Brandon Heath's debut on Reunion Records with *Don't Get Comfortable* (2006), he has become one of Christian music's most beloved and respected artists and songwriters. Heath has garnered an Emmy Award, five Grammy® nominations, an American Music Award nomination, been honored as a five-time GMA Dove Award recipient, including Male Vocalist of the Year (2009 and 2010) and multiple songwriting honors. His award-winning songs and signature vocals reflect a soaring radio career that includes top hit songs: "I'm Not Who I Was," "Wait and See," the 2009 GMA Dove Award-winning Song of the Year, "Give Me Your Eyes," the eight-week chart topper, "Your Love," "Jesus In Disguise," "Love Does" and many others. Media highlights include *Billboard* magazine, "CBS Evening News with Katie Couric," *Relevant* magazine, a 2011 feature by the *Wall Street Journal* and selection as a presenter during the 54th Annual Grammy® Awards. Other key spotlights include Discovery Channel's "On The Case With Paula Zahn," which highlighted "Give Me Your Eyes," and a feature by The *New York Times* Sunday edition, touting Heath as a Grammy®-nominated newcomer "that shouldn't be allowed to slip through the cracks." Heath released his fifth studio album and first Christmas project, *Christmas Is Here* (Oct. 15, 2013), following recent album, *Blue Mountain*.

COLTON DIXON

Though Steven Tyler deemed fan favorite Colton Dixon's 7th place finish in American Idol's Season 11 to be "beyond shocking," the 21 year old singer/songwriter held true to his musical passion and deep faith, viewing his elimination from the show as a huge opportunity. His highly anticipated debut album *A Messenger* (release date January 29, 2013), features 11 powerful and infectious pop/rock tracks. With the built in goodwill of millions of "Messengers" (his nickname for the fans he gained during his run on Idol) behind him, Dixon has been laying the foundation for months for an exciting breakthrough in 2013. His uplifting power ballad, "Never Gone," was an immediate hit digital single, selling 21,000 units its first week and heading straight to #1 on the iTunes Christian & Gospel singles chart and Billboard's Christian Digital Songs and Christian/Gospel Digital Songs charts. The instant success of this track put him in unique company: he and Jennifer Hudson are the only 7th place finalists in Idol history to reach #1 on a Billboard chart.

CROWDER

David Crowder has been embraced for his lyrically powerful and musically elaborate and unpredictable songs that have found themselves being sung everywhere from churches to clubs all across the country. In November 2012, Crowder released his first solo project, Crowder: iTunes® Session which delivered nine stripped down organic tracks to many of Crowder's most loved originals. As part of the David Crowder*Band, they were named one of the "most thoughtful, progressive and exciting acts in contemporary Christian music" by The New York Times, garnering nine Dove Awards, 22 Dove nominations and two Grammy® nominations. The band released their final collection of new music with the Grammy®-nominated project, *Give Us Rest (A Requiem Mass in C [The Happiest of All Keys])*. The record entered the Billboard Top 200 chart at No. 2 and gave the band their highest debut in their 12-year career. Continuing to perform as part of the Passion movement, participating in university student gatherings in the US and around the world, Crowder releases his new record *Neon Steeple* February 18th, 2014.

FOR KING & COUNTRY

for KING & COUNTRY, recently named “New Artist of the Year” at the 44th Annual Dove Awards and “Breakthrough Artist of the Year” at the first annual K-LOVE Fan Awards, released their critically acclaimed debut album, *Crave*, in 2012. On January 10, they made their late night debut performing their hit song and iTunes’ 2012 “Breakthrough Christian & Gospel Song of the Year,” “The Proof Of Your Love,” on “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno.” In 2012, for KING & COUNTRY was named as one of *Billboard’s* 17 acts to watch and were CCM’s best-selling new artist. New Release Tuesday noted that *Crave* was “One of the Best Debut Projects in Years!” ET’s “The Insider” said the duo, “make music that speaks directly to your heart” and have been “gaining popularity in the alt-rock genre.” *American Songwriter* commented that “for KING & COUNTRY may just be Australia’s answer to Coldplay.”

KARI JOBE

After being established as one of the industry’s premier worship leaders with her Dove Award-winning, self-titled debut, Kari Jobe continues to serve as a worship pastor at Gateway Church in Southlake, Texas, and released her highly anticipated follow-up album, *Where I Find You* (Sparrow), in January 2012. This album also earned Kari her first Grammy® nomination for Best Contemporary Christian Music Album. *Where I Find You* released with chart topping street week numbers at No. 1 and No. 10 on Billboard’s National Christian, Gospel and Top 200 Charts. Media praised the album from outlets like *New York Times* to *Worship Leader*. Jobe was awarded the first-ever K-LOVE Fan Award for Female Artist of the Year in 2013. Jobe also invests her time and love in partnering with the A21 Campaign, an organization dedicated to abolishing human trafficking in the 21st century. With over 27 million affected by human trafficking, Jobe feels a responsibility to do everything she can for this organization. She and her sister, Kris created an exclusive line of jewelry and t-shirts where all the proceeds go to the cause of bringing an end to human trafficking and injustice. Jobe will release a live recorded album in 2014 recorded at the historic Majestic Theatre in Dallas, TX.

MANDISA

With over 800,000 records sold, three-time Grammy® nominee and Season 5 “American Idol” finalist Mandisa is a voice of encouragement and truth to people facing life’s challenges all around the world. In less than a year, Mandisa performed her three hit singles “Overcomer,” “Good Morning,” and “Stronger” on the highest rated morning show, ABC’s Good Morning America (GMA). Her performance of “Stronger” welcomed the emotional return of beloved morning host Robin Roberts. The NFL also welcomed Mandisa to perform the national anthem during a Sunday night NFL Network game to kick off Breast Cancer Awareness month where she was joined by members of the 49ers family who are survivors. Her latest album, *Overcomer*, released August 27 and debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Christian Albums Chart, with the album’s title track holding on to the No. 1 spot for several weeks on the National Christian Audience chart as well as the No. 1 position on the Christian/Gospel Core Digital sales chart for 12 weeks and counting. GMA world premiered the music video, which includes special appearances from former U.S. Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, Captain Mark Kelly, Gold Medalist Scott Hamilton and other special guests. Mandisa boasts a widespread list of media coverage, which include: “Good Morning America,” “Katie,” “Fox & Friends,” “The Today Show,” “LIVE! With Regis and Kelly,” “The Doctors,” “E! News,” “Extra,” “Entertainment Tonight,” US Magazine, People Magazine, TIME.com and CNN.

MATTHEW WEST

An ASCAP Christian Music Songwriter/Artist of the Year winner and lauded by *The New York Times* as "a vivid and compelling songwriter with impressive approaches to the familiar," four-time Grammy® nominee Matthew West's discography includes acclaimed releases: *Happy* (2003), *History* (2005), *Something to Say* (2008), *The Story of Your Life* (2010) and *Into The Light* (2012). His 2010 studio album, *The Story of Your Life*, was inspired by 10,000 stories from every state in the U.S. and 20 countries. The album garnered attention from CNN Online, Fox News, Billboard, Country Weekly, American Songwriter and more. *The Story of Your Life* gave West the largest street week debut of his career, selling over 10,000 units the first week landing at No. 3 on Christian Soundscan, and No. 41 on the Billboard Top 200. A multiple ASCAP "Song of the Year" winner, West has had four No. 1 radio hits including his latest Grammy®-nominated tune, "Strong Enough." His songwriting credits include cuts by Rascal Flatts, Billy Ray Cyrus, Diamond Rio and more. Recently nominated for a Primetime Emmy® Award for Original Music & Lyrics for "The Heart of Christmas" from the film of the same name, West's fifth studio album, *Into The Light*, was released last fall and was nominated for Best Contemporary Christian Album for the 55th Annual Grammy® Awards. The new album features his most recent hit singles "Forgiveness" and "Hello My Name Is," along with 10 other tracks inspired by 10,000 new letters submitted after West invited people to, once again, send him their stories. West spent much of late 2012 and early 2013 on a pre-headlining stint of the No. 1 Tour in the World (first quarter), the Winter Jam Tour Spectacular.

NEWSBOYS

Four-time Grammy®-nominated band Newsboys boasts an impressive track record with 16 albums, five gold certifications, 30 No. 1 radio hits and over 8 million units sold over their multi-decade career. This rock and pop-driven worship band includes front man Michael Tait (vocals) and his band mates who've played together for two decades - Jody Davis (guitar), Jeff Frankenstein (keys) and Duncan Phillips (drums). Their 2010 release, *Born Again*, saw the largest street week of their careers, debuting at No. 4 on the Billboard 200 and garnering three No. 1 hits. Their 2012 record, *God's Not Dead*, has sold over 300,000 copies and its title song, "God's Not Dead," topped the CHR radio format for seven weeks in a row. Renown for their heart-pumping live concerts, the tight knit Newsboys unit continues to headline shows in the U.S. and around the world. Their pop-spirited third album with Michael Tait at the helm, *Restart*, is available in stores now.

TENTH AVENUE NORTH

Tenth Avenue North – comprising members Mike Donehey (lead vocals/acoustic guitar), Jason Jamison (drummer), Jeff Owen (electric guitar/background vocals), Ruben Juarez (bass) and Brendon Shirley (keys) –first impacted the music community as the best-selling and most played new Christian artist of 2008. In 2009, the group scored No. 1 on *Billboard's* Hot Christian Songs Artist Chart with "By Your Side" and reached No. 3 overall for the decade. The breakthrough song recently achieved digital Gold status, according to the RIAA, signifying 500,000 singles sold. Such acclaim earned Tenth Avenue North the New Artist of the Year title at the Gospel Music Association's 40th Annual GMA Dove Awards. The band's sophomore effort, *The Light Meets The Dark* (May 2010), debuted at No. 1 on the Nielsen Christian SoundScan chart and produced *Billboard's* 2011 No. 1 Christian Song of the Year, "You

Are More.” In 2012, Tenth Avenue North released its anticipated third album, *The Struggle*, with the first single, “Losing,” peaking at No. 2 on the *Billboard* NCA radio chart. To date, Tenth Avenue North’s combined album sales total more than 950,000.

TOBYMAC

With over 11 million units in career sales, TobyMac's career continues on the fast track. His most recent project, EYE ON IT, garnered him the highest chart debut of his solo career landing at No. 1 on the Billboard Top 200 and topping the iTunes® Overall and Christian sales charts. The project made TobyMac one of only four artists to ever debut atop the Billboard Top 200 with a Christian music album. Earlier this year, EYE ON IT received a Grammy®, marking the sixth career award for TobyMac. The music video for the album title's track, featuring pop-sensation Britt Nicole, received over 500,000 views in its first three weeks. His previous four solo projects have received RIAA Gold certification and his live DVD, *Alive & Transported*, is certified platinum by the RIAA and received a Grammy® award. His 2009 album *Tonight* received Grammy® nods for Best Pop/Contemporary Gospel Album and Best Contemporary Christian Song. TobyMac has won at every major award show this season. In addition to his recent Grammy® win, he has also received two Billboard Music Awards for Top Christian Artist and Top Christian Album. His first American Music Award for Favorite Artist in the Contemporary/Inspirational category and swept the 2013 Australian Music Awards.