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A RECORD NUMBER of Australian acts have gained nominations for the 39th annual GMA Dove Awards to be held in Nashville next April.

They are:

- o Darlene Zschech for *Female Vocalist Of The Year*
- o Hillsong United for *Group Of The Year*, and *Praise & Worship Album*
- o newsboys for *Pop/Contemporary Album*
- o Hillsong Kids for *Children's Music Album*.

Hillsong's Publishing Manager, Steve McPherson says the nominations are an "exciting nod from our peers, showcasing that this country is not only a great exporter of rock and pop music, but Christian music as well".

The Gospel Music Association will announce the winners at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville on Wednesday 23 April. A full list of nominees is available online at www.doveawards.com

AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN MUSIC ICON PAUL COLMAN launches his first solo concert tour in nearly three years with *One Voice One Guitar* concerts next month in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. This is the first time Aussie audiences will have had seen Colman perform solo since he joined newsboys in 2006. Paul says that the great thing about performing on your own with an acoustic guitar is that you can do anything! "I've got 12 records to pull from and a whole lotta songs that people have never heard. I'm gonna do two hours every night, sing around 20 songs, chat a little bit about some stories. Kinda keeping the night light, but with substance," he states.

Paul performs in:

- o Melbourne at the C3 Centre, Vermont 7PM on 28 March,
- o Sydney at the Dural Baptist Church 6PM on 30 March,
- o Brisbane at the Princess Theatre, Woolloongabba, 7:30PM on 31 March

More details at www.paulcolman.com

FOUR GIFTED jazz musicians from Melbourne known as Grace_Note, have created a new approach to worship music. The quartet has rearranged some of the world's best loved worship songs and has created what lead guitarist David Tweedie describes as a funky mix of cool jazz tunes. "Basically, we retain the original melodies and reharmonise them in different ways to create different feels including jazz, pop and Latin," David says. Grace_Note members come from a variety of church traditions - CCC, Apostolic, Baptist and Catholic - making this a "great testimony to unity". The group launches *Unity* at the Karralyka Theatre in Ringwood at 7.30PM on 28 February. It also performs at Easterfest and Rezfest.

More details: www.myspace.com/gracenoteband