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Aussie legend **STEVE GRACE** will perform Larry Norman's song *The Outlaw* at a memorial concert to the CCM pioneer in California Monday 17 March. Steve has sung the song thousands of times throughout Australia. Steve says school kids strongly identified with the song's sentiments. Bryan Duncan, Darrell Mansfield and other veterans will participate in the memorial concert as well.

DARLENE ZSCHECH is the keynote speaker at the *Worship And Justice* breakfast in Melbourne on Tuesday 18 March. Zschech will present her thoughts on the links between worship and justice citing recent visits to Cambodia, China, and India. Organisers hope the Melbourne event will become a model for a series of similar presentations throughout Australia. Roma Waterman and CCM legend Geoff Moore will also participate. Details: www.karralyka.com.au

BARRY MCGUIRE, the legendary Christian singer whose 1965 song *Eve of Destruction* toppled the Beatles' hit *Help* from number one on the US Top 10 returns to Australia in September following a successful promotional tour last month. The man who is remembered for songs like *Bullfrogs and Butterflies* and *Cosmic Cowboy* will appear on *Spicks And Specks* on ABC TV this Wednesday.

Australian Christian band **ALABASTER BOX** continues to rack up accolades for its critically acclaimed CD *We Will Not Be Silent*. The CD's title track this week shoots to the top of *The Rock Across Australia* (TRAA) Top 30 chart becoming the most played song on Christian radio across Australia. In addition to the group's impressive radio success, Alabaster Box will perform with Newsboys in Sydney and Adelaide, plus RezFest in Melbourne and Easterfest in Toowoomba. The Gold Coast band that now resides in Nashville is planning an extensive Australian tour later this year.

US based South African worship leader **BRENTON BROWN** will be the special guest at this year's UNITE conference in Melbourne. Brown's songs *Lord Reign In Me*, *Hallelujah Your Love Makes Me Sing*, and *Everlasting God* are global favorites. The annual UNITE Creative Arts Conference – now in its third year – aims to equip, serve and encourage the use of creative arts in church life. This year's conference will feature workshops on vocals, playing in a band, song writing, worship, dance, drama, audio visual and sound production. UNITE 2008 - an initiative of the creative worship teams of Crossway Baptist, Christian City Church Whitehorse, Gateway and Careforce churches - will be held 2-3 May at the Christian City Church Whitehorse C3 Centre.

Thousands of worshippers gathered last night at Sydney's ACER Arena as **HILLSONG CHURCH** recorded its latest live worship album *This Is Our God*. The CD has been described as "capturing the sound of a new generation, and entering into a new season of worship and song". It will be released in July at the Hillsong Conference.