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MELBOURNE GOSPEL CHOIR RECORDS WITH IDOLS

The Melbourne Gospel Choir is the common thread throughout a new CD project raising funds for Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital.

For The Children features well known songs from Guy Sebastian (*Taller Stronger Better*), Paulini (*Angel Eyes*), Anthony Callea (*The Prayer*), and Shannon Noll (*Shine*) with the Melbourne Gospel Choir added to mix.

The 14-song CD includes a new version of Roma Waterman's *I Was Carried*, plus several new songs from Jud Field (*Got The Joy and How Good*).

JON McLAUGHLIN HEADS FOR SUPERSTAR STATUS

The second album from American heartthrob Jon McLaughlin has nabbed the #1 spot on the iTunes pop album chart, and landed as the #5 overall album as well. In physical CD sales, *Ok Now* has debuted on SoundScan at #49.

USA Today's unusually generous review states that the CD's "indelibly catchy production" has "instantaneous hit potential", that with "proper promotion could propel the artist to superstar status".

Beating My Heart – the lead single from the album – is getting regular airplay on Christian and mainstream stations throughout the US.

Australia's Delta Goodrem will join him on tour.

HELLO GOODBYE

An American singer songwriter who said 'goodbye' to Christian music around three years ago is back.

Joy Williams – best known for songs like *Serious*, *Hide* and *We* - is planning to release new material through her recently formed imprint, Sensibility Music.

She is writing songs for an EP scheduled to release in 2009. In the meantime, she's releasing four or five digital-only singles over the next few months, in order to re-introduce herself as a recording artist.

To kick things off, she's made a song called *Lose Myself* available as a free download exclusively at reverbnation.com/joywilliams.

KUTLESS POISES FOR AUSSIE AND NZ VISIT

American band Kutless is heading down under in January for shows in Brisbane Australia and the Parachute 09 in New Zealand.

Lead singer Jon Micah says each event's going to be a "rockin show"!

Kutless plays at the Brisbane City Church with the David Crowder Band and Magnify on Thursday January 22, and at Parachute 09 in New Zealand January 23-26.