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REVIVE SET TO MAKE ITS MARK

Billboard Magazine has listed Sydney band Revive as one of the 15 New Faces to watch in 2009.

According to the magazine, Revive looks set to be the next Aussie export to make its mark in Christian music.

Surprisingly, it is the only Christian band mentioned in the article.

Songs from Revive's new album *Chorus Of The Saints* are getting airplay throughout Australasia.

In New Zealand, the title cut is getting the focus; while in Australia, stations are airing the band's cover of *You Know* which was originally recorded for the group's debut album *Where I Belong*.

The new version with Mac Powell sharing vocals seems stuck at #30 on TRAA after seven weeks.

The album releases in March.

PARACHUTE HAILED A SUCCESS

Organisers of the southern hemisphere's largest Christian music festival are hailing this year's event among the best of the past 19 years.

Early estimates of the four-day Parachute Christian Music Festival at Mystery Creek near Hamilton suggest crowd numbers to be around 25 000.

Highlights included Casting Crowns, Family Force Five, Kutless, and David Crowder*Band.

Director Mark De Jong is tight lipped on who will appear at the 20th festival.

PARACHUTE CONTINUES ITS EXPANSION INTO AUSTRALIA

After staging successful one day events in Sydney and Brisbane this year, Parachute will expand its role in Australia next year with a third event in Melbourne.

Speaking at a media conference at Hamilton's Mystery Creek, Mark DeJong said his focus is to "take what we're doing here [in New Zealand] and move that into Australia" developing these events into multi day events on a scale similar to Big Day Out within five years.

Conference excerpt here:

<http://www.therockacrossaustralia.com/audio/090124MarkDeJong.mp3>

RELIENT K AND KUTLESS HEAD DOWN UNDER

Relient K and Kutless are set to return to Australia for separate tours in August and September. We'll have more details when dates are confirmed.