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MICHAEL TAIT IS NOW A NEWSBOY

After more than 2000 shows as the frontman for newsboys, Peter Furler has stepped down as the band's lead singer.

Taking his place is Michael Tait formerly of dc Talk.

Newsboys' manager Wes Campbell says the decision to replace Peter on the road was a painstaking one, but when the idea of dc Talk vocalist Michael Tait was presented it was a no-brainer.

Campbell says that no one can replace Peter, but we know Michael will bring a new attitude, energy and vocal style that will thrill our audience.

He says Peter will continue to write songs and produce future newsboys recordings.

Furler was newsboys original drummer. He took over lead vocal duties when John James left the band in 1997 and has written/co-written some of band's biggest songs including *Shine*, *I'm Not Ashamed*, *Something Beautiful*, *It Is You*, and *He Reigns*.

Tait officially became newsboys lead singer last weekend at a show in Texas.

THE FRAY HEADS DOWN UNDER

For the first time since 2006, The Fray returns to Australia and New Zealand this month with *You Found Me* at #3 on TRAA.

The Fray will play at Metro City in Perth on March 17, The Palace in Melbourne on March 20, The Tivoli in Brisbane on March 21, and The Hordern Pavilion in Sydney March 24.

In New Zealand, Luke Thompson will open for The Fray at the Power Station in Auckland on the 26th.

He was one of the outstanding acts performing at this year's Parachute Festival.

His most recent album *Here on the Ground* has spawned a Top 20 hit *Perfect Drive*.

CHRISTIANITY TODAY HAILS REVIVE AS AN EXCEPTIONAL FIND

Christianity Today has hailed Sydney band Revive as an "exceptional find for Christian music".

CT reviewer Andrew Greer describes Dave Hanbury's lead vocals as "a unique mix between Kevin Max and Jon Bon Jovi".

The band's label debut *Chorus Of the Saints* releases this week.

See review here:

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/music/reviews/2009/chorusofthesaints-mini.html>