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TEAR DOWN THE WALLS RIPS UP THE CHARTS

Australia's Hillsong United has debuted on the American iTunes Album Chart at #2 with its latest album *Across The Earth: Tear Down The Walls*.

The Hillsong United band - anchored in the youth movement of Hillsong Church in Sydney - recorded the 12 track CD at its 2008 *Encounter* youth conference.

In Australia, *Tear Down The Walls* debuted at #2 on the iTunes chart, and #22 on ARIA - the Australian Record Industry Association chart.

And in New Zealand, the CD peaked at #2 on iTunes and #21 on the national albums chart.

Across The Earth: Tear Down The Walls includes: *Freedom Is Here, Soon, Yours Forever*, and a new version of *Desert Song*.

It's the first time a worship album has peaked so high in the iTunes charts in Aus, NZ and the US.

ROSANNA'S RAIDERS TO REFORM

80s CCM rock legends Rosanna's Raiders will reform and tour later this year.

The energetic rock trio - featuring Rosanna Palmer's distinctive vocals - is best known for songs like *We Are Raiders*, *Serve Someone* and *Breakaway* which incidentally was a Top 10 hit in America.

The group pioneered rock worship years before Hillsong United under the Power Praise brand recording songs like *Fear Not*, *We Are A People Of Power*, and *Exalt The Lord Your God*.

News of the reunion tour coincides with the recent release of a 2CD retrospective collection of the group's three albums *Calling Down Fire*, *Clothed In Fire*, and *We Are Raiders*.

Tour dates are yet to confirmed.

ALABASTER BOX TO TOUR

After a month long holiday back home, Alabaster Box has returned to North America for a series of festivals across the USA and Canada.

Over the next few weeks, the band will be playing at the Ichthus Festival (Kentucky), Soulfest (New Hampshire), Unity (Michigan), and the Freedom Festival (Ontario, Canada).

But just before the band returned the US, guitarist Brett Seagrott announced the group is planning a national Australian tour mid October to late November.

He says the six week tour - riding on the back of the band's current single *Fearlessly Stumble* - will include most capital cities and a number of regional areas.

LIFE REMIXED

Tania G has released a remix of her current TRAA hit. The new version has more groove, and a stronger R&B feel. The original version of the song - released in February - peaked at number 12 on TRAA and is getting airplay in some parts of the US.