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OWL CITY, PRICELESS CONNECTION

As 2009 draws to a close, Owl City's album *Ocean Eyes* has been certified gold making this year a HUGE success for Minnesota's Adam Young.

What started as a project in the basement of his parent's house has turned into an international phenomenon, sending Adam to the top of the charts, and playing to energetic crowds in renowned venues across the US, China, and Japan!

Not only has *Ocean Eyes* gone gold, but the album's lead single *Fireflies* - which features Matt Thiessen from Relient K - has reached #1 on the Billboard Hot 100 twice! It's already sold more than 2 million downloads.

Young says he's "overwhelmed" by the response.

"I'm just totally thrilled and overjoyed to be able to sit back and kind of watch things happen on their own," Young says. "And as an artist, the knowledge of knowing that people are out there listening [to] the art you work so hard at - poured your heart and soul into [and it] is connecting with people - that's priceless. It's entirely breathtaking."

Owl City will be in Australia and New Zealand in March.

FAMILY FORCE 4?

Fans are hoping that Fatty from Family Force 5 will be well enough to tour with the band when it visits Australia and New Zealand next month.

The band's bass player and monster showman, whose real name is Joshua Olds, is in an Illinois hospital with a potentially serious kidney infection.

Writing on Twitter, the band's lead singer (known as the Soul Glow Activator) says Fatty is recovering and may get out of hospital in a week.

He says the group has cancelled several *Christmas Pageant* shows but is now touring without him.

Family Force 5 is scheduled to perform in Sydney, Brisbane and New Zealand in late January.

AUSSIE IDOL FOR EASTERFEST

Easterfest has secured the 2009 Australian Idol winner Stan Walker for an exclusive appearance at Australia's largest Christian festival, Easterfest 2010.

The 19 year old R&B singer who stole the hearts of millions of Australians and stunned audiences with the depth of his talent and his mature soulful voice will appear at the Mainstage on Easter Saturday night.

Stan's appearance at Easterfest will mark the first Australian Idol winner to perform at the festival since Guy Sebastian in 2004.

Easterfest will be held in Toowoomba 2-4 April 2010.

More details: <http://www.easterfest.com.au/>