

### CHRISTIAN TEENAGER WINS AMERICAN IDOL

A 17-year-old Christian singer from Arizona has become the youngest *American Idol* champion in the show's history.

This year's winner, Jordin Sparks, gained some significant experiences in Christian music before winning the coveted *Idol* crown.

These include being the overall winner at the 2004 Gospel Music Association Academy Spotlight, and a finalist at the 2004 GMA Music in the Rockies National Competition.

She was also a singer on Michael W. Smith's *Christmastime* tours in 2005 and 2006.

Jordin's first single will be *This Is My Now*, a ballad written by Scott Krippayne and (pastor) Jeff Peabody who won *American Idol*'s sixth-season songwriting contest.

Krippayne is well known as a singer songwriter in Christian music circles. His best known songs are *Sometimes He Calms the Storm*, *All My Days*, *More*, and *No More Pretending*.

Point Of Grace, Phil Driscoll, Al Denson, David Robertson, and Tuesday's Child have also recorded his music.

Jordin's *American Idol* performance and Krippayne's studio demo of *This Is My Now* are available here:

<http://www.tallfreak.com/>



Jordin Sparks (pic: Fox)



Scott Krippayne

### SWITCHFOOT DEFIES GRAVITY AND HEADS DOWN UNDER

Switchfoot is touring Australia in August/September with shows planned for Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth.

The Perth show is set for 31 August at Challenge Stadium, and the Sydney show during The Big Exo Day on 1 September at Sydney Showgrounds.

Melbourne will host the band on 6 September at Festival Hall. [Melbourne tickets \$45.]

Dates for other states will be announced once venues are confirmed.

Pillar and Antiskeptic will support at some shows.



Switchfoot

## KEARNEY'S PROMO TOUR

Mat Kearney, the 27-year old US singer songwriter who recently toured the US with John Mayer is heading to Australia in June to promote the mainstream release of his debut CD *Nothing Left To Lose*.

Described as a cross between Pete Murray, Pete Yorn, and Ben Fold, Kearney has already scored three Christian hits in Australia, two of which went to number one on *The Rock Across Australia* Christian airplay chart. These were *Nothing Left To Lose*, and *Crashing Down*.



Mat Kearney

Kearney will spend a week doing promotion, and perform a number of showcases June 24-29.

*Nothing Left To Lose* releases June 23 in mainstream stores.

## HOT SUMMER

US band The Rocket Summer has signed a deal with Island Records.

Several songs from the group's new 13 track CD *Do You Feel* are available digitally including the first single *So Much Love, Break It Out*, and *So, In This Hour...*

*Do You Feel* is the band's third CD, but first major label release.

Over the past couple of years, US Christian radio aired The Rocket Summer's INO/SRE radio singles, *Never Knew*, and *Show Me Everything You've Got*.



Bryce Avary,  
The Rocket Summer's lead singer

## UNDEROATH TOURS

The 'Christian' metal band that saw its CD *Define the Great Line* go straight to #2 on the US Billboard mainstream charts, selling 135,000 in the first week, will release its DVD titled *777* in July.

But first, Underoath heads down under for a four city tour in June.

### Tour Dates

Date	Venue	City
7 June	Arena Entertainment Complex	Fortitude Valley (Brisbane)
8 June	UNSW Roundhouse	Kensington (Sydney)
9 June	Unibar	Adelaide
10 June	Billboard (18 & Under)	Melbourne
10 June	Billboard - Evening Show (18+)	Melbourne