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The Gospel Music Association, CCM Magazine, TodaysChristianMusic.com and Nashville's 94fm The FISH Present the 44th Annual Dove Awards October 15, 2013

NASHVILLE, TN -- (Marketwired) -- 08/26/13 -- [Salem Communications](#)' (NASDAQ: SALM) Nashville music entities are pleased to announce their partnership with the Gospel Music Association as they jointly present the 44th Annual Dove Awards on October 15 at Allen Arena in Nashville, Tennessee. Marking the return of the awards to its home city of Nashville, the event will take place at 8:30 PM ET and be aired exclusively on UP TV. Reserved seat Dove Award tickets are on sale now at [DoveAwards.com](#)

The combined media support from Salem Communications offers an unprecedented look inside the Dove Awards, allowing fans and viewers previously restricted access to the artists and events that distinguish the event. [CCM Magazine](#), the industry's flagship publication, will feature an all-access glimpse into the event in the September issue, available online at [CCMMagazine.com](#). Additionally, [TodaysChristianMusic.com](#), the online presence of Salem's syndicated music network, will provide exclusive features, artist interviews and real-time updates from the awards show. [94 FM The FISH](#), Nashville's Christian music station, will be on-hand at the awards and will feature exclusive artist interviews conducted by Doug Griffin and Jaci Velasquez of The Family Friendly Morning Show with Doug and Jaci Velasquez.

The event will be the first Dove Awards to be held in the Fall, lending added attention to the industry's most esteemed event, often dubbed "Christian music's biggest night." Also of note is the show's anticipated return to Nashville, Tennessee, following two years of being held at the Fox Theater in Atlanta, Georgia.

"The GMA Dove Awards has a tradition of bringing our music community together to celebrate God's goodness as a family and raising awareness for Christian and Gospel music," says GMA Executive Director Jackie Patillo.

The Dove Awards nominee announcements took place on August 21st. Fans and readers can access real-time updates of the nominees at [CCMMagazine.com](#) and [TodaysChristianMusic.com](#) or via Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ccmmagazine](#).

About Salem Communications:

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Salem also owns [Salem Radio Network](#), a national radio network that syndicates talk, news and music programming to approximately 2,400 affiliated radio stations and Salem Media Representatives, a national media advertising sales firm with offices across the country. CCM Magazine has been the hallmark publication of Christian music since 1978, offering exclusive, in-depth coverage of Christian music news and entertainment.

In addition to its radio broadcast business, Salem owns an Internet and a publishing division. Salem Web Network is a provider of online Christian and conservative-themed content and streaming and includes websites such as Christian faith focused Christianity.com, Questions and Answers about [Jesus Christ](#) at Jesus.org, [Christian living](#) focused Crosswalk.com®, online [Bible](#) at BibleStudyTools.com, [Christian videos](#) at GodTube.com, a leading website providing [church media](#) at WorshipHouseMedia.com and [Christian radio](#) ministries online at OnePlace.com. Additionally Salem owns [conservative](#) news leader Townhall.com™ and [conservative political blog](#) HotAir.com, providing conservative commentary, news and blogging. Salem Publishing™ circulates Christian and conservative magazines such as Homecoming® The Magazine, YouthWorker Journal™, The Singing News, FaithTalk Magazine, Preaching and Townhall Magazine™. Xulon Press™ is a provider of [self-publishing](#) services targeting the Christian audience.

About the Gospel Music Association:

The Gospel Music Association (GMA) Founded in 1964, the Gospel Music Association serves as the face and voice for the Gospel/Christian music community and is dedicated to exposing, promoting and celebrating the Gospel through music of all styles including Pop, Rock, Praise & Worship, Urban Gospel, R&B, Hip Hop, Southern Gospel, Bluegrass, Country and more. The GMA community membership consists of agents, artists, church leaders, managers, promoters, radio personnel, record company executives, retailers, songwriters and other industry visionaries. The GMA produces the GMA Dove Awards and IMMERSE. For more on supporting the GMA or becoming a member, please visit [www.gospelmusic.org](#) or contact the GMA directly at 615-277-1376. Follow the GMA on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/gospelmusicassociation](#).

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