

CASTING CROWNS

With more than 11 million albums sold to date—including one RIAA Double Platinum Album, five Platinum and seven Gold records, two Platinum and four Gold DVDs, one RIAA Platinum certified single and six RIAA Gold certified singles—Casting Crowns remains Billboard’s top-selling act in Christian music since 2007. The award-winning group—consisting of Mark Hall (lead singer/songwriter), Melodee DeVevo (violin, cello, vocals), Brian Scoggin (drums), Megan Garrett (piano, keyboards, vocals), Juan DeVevo (guitar, vocals), Chris Huffman (bass guitar, vocals) and Josh Mix (lead guitar, vocals)—got its start as a youth group worship band originally based in Florida. Today, each of the seven members remain active in student ministry at their respective churches in Nashville and Atlanta. Lead singer/songwriter, Mark Hall, is serving in his 25th year in youth ministry as student pastor at Eagle’s Landing First Baptist Church in Atlanta.

Building on a strong foundation forged by their self-titled major label debut in 2003 that went Double Platinum, Casting Crowns has earned some of the industry’s most prestigious accolades, including seven GRAMMY nominations, winning a GRAMMY for the band’s 2005 effort, *Lifesong*. In addition, over the past decade, Casting Crowns has garnered 18 GMA Dove Awards, four American Music Awards and two *Billboard* Music Awards, among others. The band was named Artist of the Year exclusively by fans at the 2014 K-LOVE Fan Awards.

Their chart-topping songs—including “Who Am I,” “Voice of Truth,” “Praise You In This Storm,” “Until The Whole World Hears,” “Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me),” “Just Be Held” and “Oh My Soul” have earned them thirteen No. 1 hits at radio and six RIAA Gold certified digital singles. Furthermore, the band has been featured by a variety of high-profile media outlets such as *Billboard*, *Associated Press*, *Reuters*, *Rolling Stone*, *Atlanta-Journal Constitution*, *Charisma*, *HomeLife* and *CCM Magazine*, among others. In 2008, the band performed on TNT’s annual “Christmas In Washington” concert special alongside Kristin Chenoweth, Julianne Hough, Darius Rucker and Straight No Chaser. In addition, Casting Crowns has appeared on “Good Morning America,” NBC’s “Today,” CNN, MSNBC, “Fox News,” “Fox & Friends,” “Huckabee” and more. They also had their debut performance at Carnegie Hall in January 2015.

Always looking for opportunities to use their platform for greater good, over the course of their career, Casting Crowns has seen more than 112,000 children sponsored through their advocacy efforts at concerts. Moreover, the band was a part of a team of first-responders who helped distribute supplies to survivors following the earthquake in Haiti in 2010.

Their tours have taken them all over the world, helping to spread the Gospel message globally. The band was the only U.S. musical act hand-picked to perform at a nationally-televised arts festival in North Korea in 2007 and was invited back again in 2009. Meanwhile, in the States, the band continues to sell-out arenas across the country. In fact, “The Altar and the Door Tour” set attendance records in the U.S. with 450,000 tickets sold in 83 markets and was ranked as the top-grossing Christian tour of the 2007/2008 season according to *Pollstar*.

Playing to 140 cities, Casting Crowns just wrapped up The Very Next Thing Tour, which was the most well attended and highest grossing tour of their career.

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