

## “MercyMe and Tenth Avenue North Live” To Bring Award-Winning Lineup to SMG-managed Van Andel Arena® April 8; Tickets On Sale November 10

**Grand Rapids** — Topping a celebrated year for **multi-platinum selling MercyMe**, the chart-toppers announced that they will be uniting with **fellow GMA Dove Award winners Tenth Avenue North** for the aptly titled “**MercyMe and Tenth Avenue North Live**” Tour at the **start of next year**. Over 20 markets along the East and Midwest are among the routing which will run February through April, including a **Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 6:00 PM** show at **Van Andel Arena**.

**Tickets go on sale to the general public beginning Friday, November 10 at 11 AM.** Ticket prices are \$21.50, \$27.50, \$37.50, \$52.50, and \$77.50, and tickets will be available at the Van Andel Arena and DeVos Place® box offices, online at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com), and charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000.

MercyMe are closing 2017 on a high note with the wrapping of their successful headlining “Lifer Tour,” three GMA Dove Award wins including the Artist of the Year title and their sixth American Music Award (AMA) nomination. Much of the fanfare stems from their most recent No. 1 album *LIFER* which debuted earlier this year, and includes “Even If” which dominated the Billboard and Mediabase radio charts with a 19-week streak at No. 1 and the movement infused “Happy Dance.”



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The much-anticipated new movie, "I Can Only Imagine," a true story based on the life Bart Millard who wrote the mega-hit song "I Can Only Imagine" after the loss of his father to cancer, opens in theaters March 16, 2018.

### About MercyMe

Since their debut in 2001, GRAMMY® nominated, multiple American Music Award and Dove Award winners MercyMe have sold more than 9 million units in CD, single and DVD sales, garnered more than 28 No. 1 multi-format Christian radio singles and four consecutive mainstream radio hits with "I Can Only Imagine," (No. 4 AC/Top 25 on Top 40/Hot AC), "Here With Me" (No. 4 AC), "Homesick" (Top 10 AC) and "So Long Self." Their radio success has continued with recent singles "Flawless" (No. 1 for 15 weeks) and "Greater" (No. 1 for 16 weeks), landing them the Top Christian Airplay Artist spot on Billboard's 2015 Year End charts. MercyMe made history in 2014 as "I Can Only Imagine" surpassed 2 million digital downloads, making it the first song in Christian music to go platinum and double-platinum in the digital domain. In 2009, Billboard named MercyMe's "Word Of God Speak" the No. 1 Song of The Decade and the group the No. 1 Artist of the Decade in both the Christian Songs and Christian AC Songs categories, recognizing them as one of the industry's most notable talents. They have sold out venues throughout the US and Canada, including Radio City Music Hall, and have appeared on the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, The Today Show, CBS This Morning, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, FOX New Channel's FOX & Friends, CNN, ABC News and in the pages of Entertainment Weekly, The New York Times, USA Today and more. MercyMe's eighth studio album, *Welcome To The New*, garnered two GRAMMY® nods, four radio hits, has been certified gold by the RIAA and continues to be a top selling title. *LIFER*, their latest chart-topping and award-winning album, is available now.

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