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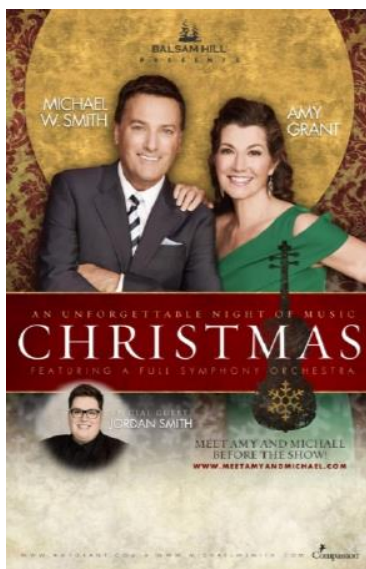
**AMY GRANT, MICHAEL W. SMITH ANNOUNCE 2017 CHRISTMAS TOUR  
FEATURING JORDAN SMITH, WINNER OF 'THE VOICE,' FULL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

***Popular Annual Holiday Tour Presented By Balsam Hill® Launches Nov. 11 In  
Omaha, NE***

**CENTURYLINK CENTER OMAHA**

**SATURDAY, NOV 11 AT 7:30PM**

**TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 AT 10:00AM AT  
TICKETMASTER.COM, CENTURYLINK CENTER OMAHA BOX OFFICE, AND BY  
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Multi-platinum, GRAMMY® winners **Amy Grant** and **Michael W. Smith** co-bill their popular Christmas tour this holiday season, which will be joined for the second consecutive year by Republic recording artist **Jordan Smith**, Season 9 winner of NBC's "The Voice." Incorporating a **full symphony orchestra** at each performance under the direction of Musical Director and Conductor **David Hamilton**, this seasonal crowd-pleaser is being presented by Balsam Hill®.

With multiple sellout crowds celebrating the season with them last year, Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith joint Christmas tours have become some of the most anticipated holiday events of the season. Combining for a vast collection of critically-acclaimed holiday albums between them, the 2017 Christmas tour will showcase selections spanning the artists' expansive Christmas repertoires, including their most recent releases, Grant's **Tennessee Christmas**, Michael W. Smith's **The Spirit of Christmas** and Jordan Smith's **'Tis The Season**.

"I started looking forward to this year's tour after the final encore of last year's tour!" exclaims Michael W. Smith. "Performing with Amy and Jordan – in front of a full Symphony Orchestra – is about as good as it gets for me!"

“Michael, Jordan and I have been looking forward to touring together again all year!” confirms Grant. “We had so much fun together last year and it felt like our creative gifts complimented one another in a unique way.

“As we started to plan the show, it was our goal to enhance people's experience of the Christmas season by providing them a night of exquisite music and a message of hope,” continues Grant. “We are especially thrilled to be partnering with Balsam Hill this year and incorporating some of their beautiful pieces into our production. Creativity happens on many different levels and similarly to the music Michael, Jordan and I have recorded for the holidays, Balsam Hill's products exist to add beauty and magic to the Christmas season.”

“I'm so looking forward to hitting the road again this year with Michael and Amy!” adds Jordan Smith. “It is always an honor to share the stage with these two legendary performers who are also such special people. This show has become one of my favorite Christmas traditions!”

In addition to the performance, and in support of their longstanding relationship with Compassion International, Michael and Amy are exclusively meeting with as many as 200 people in each city who sponsor a child through the organization prior to the concert and through the website [www.meetamyandmichael.com](http://www.meetamyandmichael.com). This “Compassion Meet & Greet” is an opportunity to learn more about the Compassion International's child sponsorship experience and will include a photo opportunity with the artists. (Tickets to each concert must be purchased separately through the event's normal ticketing outlets.)

“Amy and I have both sponsored children through Compassion International literally for decades,” reflects Michael. “So, I'm especially excited that we are using our time before the show to meet people who sponsor Compassion children. It seems like such a great opportunity – especially this time of year.

“Amy has a song that says, ‘It's Going To Be A Christmas To Remember.’ That's our goal with this night,” continues Michael. “I hope we create a memory for everyone that attends and, at the same time, we impact the lives of some very special children all over the world.”

Recently inducted into the Music City Walk of Fame in recognition of her significant contributions to Nashville and its musical heritage, Grant released **Tennessee Christmas** last year, marking her first all-new holiday album in nearly 20 years. With over six million Christmas records sold, her latest holiday offering includes a blend of heartfelt originals and Grant's own spin on popular Yuletide classics, seamlessly weaving together the joy, love, laughter and even grief this season brings.

With critical praise from *USA Today*, *The New York Times*, *Huffington Post*, *Country Weekly* and more, Michael W. Smith's **Michael W. Smith & Friends: The Spirit of Christmas** features collaborations with Vince Gill, Lady Antebellum, Little Big Town, Martina McBride, Carrie Underwood, Jennifer Nettles, Bono, Michael McDonald and Grant.

Jordan Smith released his first-ever Christmas album, **'Tis The Season**, last year. The holiday recording followed his debut album *Something Beautiful*, which reached No. 2 on the Billboard 200, the highest ranking on the chart by any winner of a television singing competition in almost five years, making Smith the bestselling artist in the history of “The Voice.”

For more information on the upcoming tour and to purchase tickets, visit [amygrant.com/tour](http://amygrant.com/tour), [michaelwsmith.com/tour](http://michaelwsmith.com/tour) or [jordansmithofficial.com/tour](http://jordansmithofficial.com/tour).

To learn more about Compassion International, visit [www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com).

**2017 Christmas Tour:**

Sat. Nov. 11	Omaha, NE	CenturyLink Center
Mon. Nov. 13	Denver, CO	Bellco Theatre
Tue. Nov. 14	Orem, UT	UCCU Center
Wed. Nov. 15	Nampa, ID	Idaho Center
Thu. Nov. 16	Kennewick, WA	Toyota Center
Fri. Nov. 17	Abbotsford, BC	Abbotsford Entertainment & Sports Center
Sat. Nov. 18	Everett, WA	Xfinity Arena at Everett
Sun. Nov. 19	Portland, OR	Moda Center
Sat. Nov. 25	Duluth, GA	Infinite Energy Center
Sun. Nov. 26	Tampa, FL	Amalie Arena
Thu. Nov. 30	Oklahoma City, OK	Crossings Community Church
Fri. Dec. 1	Tulsa, OK	BOK Center
Sat. Dec. 2	Grand Prairie, TX	Verizon Wireless
Sun. Dec. 3	Sugar Land, TX	Smart Financial Center
Fri. Dec. 8	Kansas City, MO	Sprint Center
Sat. Dec. 9	Madison, WI	Alliant Energy Center
Sun. Dec. 10	Grand Rapids, MI	Van Andel Arena
Thu. Dec. 14	Van Wert, OH	Niswonger Performing Arts Center
Fri. Dec. 15	Columbus, OH	Nationwide Arena
Sat. Dec. 16	Fairfax, VA	Eaglebank Arena
Sun. Dec. 17	Hershey, PA	GIANT Center

\*All dates and venues are subject to change without notice

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\* **FOR MEDIA ONLY: Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith Christmas** tour photos and other press materials are available to download at <https://app.box.com/v/2017ChristmasTour>.