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RELIENT K HEADS DOWN UNDER FOR YOUTH ALIVE

Relient K is heading down under in September for a series of Youth Alive events in Sydney, Melbourne Brisbane and Perth.

The band - known for its wacky album titles like *The Anatomy of the Tongue in Cheek*, *Two Lefts Don't Make a Right...but Three Do* and *Mhmm* - is set to release its latest CD *Forget and Not Slow Down* later this year.

Relient K will perform at:

- o Brisbane's Riverstage Sept 11
- o Melbourne's Hisense Arena Sept 12
- o Perth's Challenge Stadium Sept 18, plus
- o The Big Exo Day at the Sydney Showgrounds Sept 19

Relient K previously performed at Sonfest 2002 and Sonfest 2004.

PARACHUTE ANNOUNCES FIRST HEADLINERS

Parachute has announced the first group of headliners to appear at the NZ festival in January 2010.

These include Family Force Five, Leeland, New World Son and Falling Up.

These acts, and other headliners to be announced on Facebook and Twitter over coming weeks, may be among a pool of acts performing at Parachute events in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne next year.

Festival CEO Mark De Jong has previously stated that within five years, Parachute plans to organise multi-city, multi-day events each year in Australia. Earlier this year, the Kiwis made their initial steps toward this goal with one day concerts in Sydney and Brisbane.

In New Zealand, the Parachute festival is the largest Christian music event in the southern hemisphere attracting more than 25 000 people annually.

In 2010, the event will feature "major birthday celebrations", marking 20 years of "seriously good music" and the Festival's "rapid growth", says a press release.

Parachute 2010 will be held from January 29 through to February 1 at Hamilton's Mystery Creek.

'LITTLE AUSSIE' MATT LUCAS RETURNS HOME AFTER US TRIP

Sydney singer songwriter Matt Lucas this week returned to Australia after spending several weeks in Nashville writing songs for a new CD, and performing with Revive.

Matt is best known for his songs *Mercy Lights My Way* and *The Long Way Home*.

Next month, Matt and his band will present their *Concert For Compassion* with Aussie music legend Debra Byrne and Armondo Hurley who's worked with Tina Turner, Diana Ross and Jimmy Barnes.

Matt says the purpose of the concert is to talk about the things he and Debra witnessed on their visit to India and Bangladesh earlier in the year.

The event will be held September 5 at Penrith Anglican College.