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**ANNIVERSARY OF AUSTRALIAN CCM MILESTONE**

LEGENDARY AUSTRALIAN Christian musician Steve Grace next week celebrates the 21st anniversary of his gold certified release *Children Of The Western World*.

The 1988 album is a milestone in Australian Christian music being (1) the first CD released by an Australian Christian artist in Australia, (2) the first album released on Word Australia's Triune label, an effort to promote Australian music, (3) an album of exceptional musicianship and production.

One of the original voices of The Little River Band - Beeb Birtles - produced the 11-track album, while Phil Butson (Black Sorrows/Kylie Minogue/Colin Hay) and Doug Brady (John Farnham/Jimmy Barnes/Darryl Braithwaite) engineered it.

Some of the musicians who played on the project were George McArdle (LRB), David Moyle (Air Supply), Peter Cupples and Joe Tattersall (Stylus), Chong Lim (who today is the music director of *Dancing With The Stars* and *It Takes Two*), and Trevor King who was the music director of Christian Life Centre, Sydney.

*Children Of The Western World* featured classics such as *Land Of The Rock*, *Australian Country Towns* and *Big Dreams* which became a Top 10 hit on the US Christian charts.

Looking back on the album, Steve says he's "a little bit overwhelmed" and "very humbled" by the recent attention.

"The amazing thing is that not a month goes by without somebody writing and telling me their story of how some of the songs on *Children Of the Western World* have impacted them, or their children.

"I feel very honored by it," Steve adds.

*Children Of the Western World* was first released on 10 November 1988. It went Gold in 1999.

**AMERICAN RADIO FAVORITE HEADS TO EASTERFEST 2010**

AMERICAN Christian rock band Sanctus Real is heading to Easterfest next year.

Easterfest is Australia's largest Easter event attracting more than 30 000 music lovers to Toowoomba Queensland.

Sanctus Real is best known for its radio hits *Everything About You*, *The Face Of Love*, *Don't Give Up*, *We Need Each Other*, and *Whatever You're Doing (Something Heavenly)*.

Next year, Sanctus Real will release the group's fifth Sparrow album featuring its latest TRAA hit *Forgiven*.

Lead singer Matt Hammit says the band is looking forward to playing at the festival next year.

"We've never been to Australia before, so we're going to bring the best of what we have to give," Matt told TRAA.

"We love to rock out. We love to have fun, but we also love to engage the crowd - relationally - and take a short journey together from stage. We're looking forward to making some friends in Australia.