

Continuing a milestone year following the April release of their critically-acclaimed fourth recording, Mercy, singer/songwriters and worship leaders Aaron & Amanda Crabb recently garnered four Gospel Music Association (GMA) Dove Award nominations, as well as a top award nomination from the Inspirational Country Music Association (ICM).

The couple earned a Dove Award nomination in the prestigious Song of The Year category for "Take Him To The Place," which they wrote and recorded. "I'm Learning," recorded by the duo and penned by Lee Black, Michael Fordinal and Kenna West, is also nominated for Song of the Year, making Aaron & Amanda Crabb the only artist to have recorded two songs nominated in this category. Song of the Year nominees also include "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"; "Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)"; "Forgiveness"; and "Redeemed," among others.

In addition, Mercy received a Dove Award nomination for Country Album of the Year, while the couple's debut mainstream country single, "I'm Learning," is nominated for Country Song of the Year. Aaron & Amanda Crabb's multi-format Christian radio single, "Take Him To The Place," is among the nominees for Inspirational Song of the Year. The 44th Annual GMA Dove Awards will be presented October 15 in Nashville.

The Inspirational Country Music Association also recently announced finalists for the 19th Annual Inspirational Country Music Awards. Aaron & Amanda Crabb are nominated for Vocal Duo, alongside such artists as The Roys and Branded, among others. This year's ICM Awards will be held in Nashville October 24 at the close of ICM Faith, Family & Country Week (<u>www.fai</u> <u>thfamilycountry.com</u>

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Aaron & Amanda Crabb's Mercy bowed April 23 from Difference Media (Capitol Christian Distribution) and was co-produced by Aaron Crabb and Ben Isaacs (The Oak Ridge Boys, The Isaacs). Featuring 11 songs revealing a decidedly country direction for the duo, the project pays tribute to their storied Southern Gospel heritage and a range of Inspirational influences.

Aaron Crabb gained prominence as a member of the groundbreaking Crabb Family, one of the most popular acts in Southern Gospel music with more than 10 Dove Awards and three GRAMMY® nominations to their credit. After the group disbanded in 2007, Aaron and his wife Amanda released three acclaimed projects as a duo—2008's Dove-nominated After the Rain, 2009's CD/DVD Live at Oaktree, and 2010's Love With No End—prior to the release of Mercy. The couple also serves as worship leaders at San Antonio's Cornerstone Church.

Difference Media is a division of Cornerstone Church, founded and pastored by John Hagee. The label features some of the leading names in Southern Gospel music, including Aaron & Amanda Crabb, Canton Junction, Matthew Hagee, Tim Duncan, The Cornerstone Sanctuary Choir, John Hagee and The Hagees. A non-denominational evangelical church with more than 20,000 active members, Cornerstone Church is home to John Hagee Ministries, which telecasts Pastor Hagee's radio and television teachings throughout America and to 245 countries around the globe. The ministry also operates GETV, a 24/7 online television and video on-demand broadcast of sermons and original programming, as well as music videos and performances by Difference Media artists (www.getv.org).

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