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## **GOTEE RECORDS' RYAN STEVENSON WINS HIS FIRST DOVE AWARD**

**"EYE OF THE STORM" NAMED "POP/CONTEMPORARY SONG OF THE YEAR"**

***ON TOUR THIS FALL WITH MERCYME; SPRING 2018 ON TOBYMAC'S HITS DEEP TOUR***



Ryan Stevenson performs "Eye of the Storm" with GabeReal at the 48th Annual Dove Awards this week

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**NASHVILLE, TENN. (OCTOBER 19, 2017)** Gotee Records' **Ryan Stevenson** was honored with his first GMA Dove Award earlier this week at the 48th Annual GMA Dove Awards. Stevenson received the "Pop/Contemporary Song of the Year" award for his record-breaking single "Eye of the Storm," which he also performed with GabeReal of TobyMac's DiverseCity band during the main broadcast taping of the awards' show. The GMA Dove Awards were held live Tuesday night to a sell-out crowd in Nashville, Tennessee at Lipscomb University's Allen Arena. The show will air on TBN Sunday, October 22 at 8pm CT.

"What an honor to be here with all of these songwriters and recognizing these amazing songs," shared Ryan Stevenson during his acceptance speech. "I'm so thankful that songs sneak past us and our boundaries and penetrate to the heart. I just want to encourage everybody to be bold, speak out about your brokenness, speak out about things that are actually going on in your life because that is what makes what we are doing special and sets people free - that is our testimony that truly starts revival. We are all trying to speak out what is going on inside of us and to say Holy Spirit come rest in this place and use us."

"Eye of the Storm" was No. 1 for 16 total weeks in 2016 including nine weeks at Billboard's Christian Airplay/Audience and 14 consecutive weeks at Billboard's Christian AC and was listed as the No. 2 Billboard Christian AC song of 2016. It was also nominated for two 2017 K-LOVE Fan Awards as well as a 2017 Billboard Music Awards for "Top Christian Song."

Stevenson's follow-up to the award-winning song and current radio single, "The Gospel" has been a Top 5

Billboard Christian Airplay and Christian AC single for the last five weeks. The song has more than four million streams on Pandora, over two million streams on Spotify, and the [lyric video](#) has crossed over 1.5 million views on YouTube.

Currently fans can catch Stevenson on tour with MercyMe, followed by a tour in November with Peter Furler and a Christmas tour in December with Unspoken. It has been recently announced that he will be on the 2018 TobyMac's Hits Deep Tour. [Click here](#) to see all of Ryan Stevenson's upcoming tour dates.

#### **ABOUT RYAN STEVENSON:**

Following a seven-year stint as a paramedic, Pacific Northwest native Ryan Stevenson signed an exclusive agreement with Gotee Records in 2013 after capturing TobyMac's attention by co-writing the No. 1 and Grammy® nominated single "Speak Life." His first recording for the label was the *Holding Nothing Back* EP in 2013, which garnered the Top 25 single "Holding Nothing Back. This was followed by 2015's full-length album *Fresh Start* which featured the No. 1 radio single "Eye of the Storm". With three No. 1 singles (two as an artist and one as a co-writer), a GRAMMY® nomination, ASCAP honors and major tour bills with the likes of TobyMac, Newsboys and Matt Maher, among others, Ryan has already distinguished himself as a rare talent whose unique perspective guides his honest lyrics and sonic sensibilities.



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