

Jonny Lang's Turn Around Debuts at No. 1 on Retail Charts

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GRAMMY-nominated, Platinum-selling artist Jonny Lang released his fifth album, Turn Around, Sept. 19. The album immediately shot to No. 1 on the SoundScan® compiled Current Contemporary Christian and Christian Rock/Alternative sales charts in its first week at retail. The recording also lands at No. 46 on the Billboard Top 200. In addition to A&M Record's general market channels of distribution for Turn Around, Provident-Integrity Distribution is providing distribution to Christian retail for the first time.

Produced by GRAMMY winning songwriter/performers Drew Ramsey and Shannon Sanders (India.Arie, Temptations, Nicole C. Mullen), and Lang, and anchored by former Prince New Power Generation drummer Michael Bland, Turn Around continues to garner acclaim:

“...the message is clear; these 13 Lang originals are about hope, faith and finding a new direction... Lang's singing has never been better and more versatile...All in all, Turn Around is encouraging in its message and its direction for Lang.” – Minneapolis Star Tribune (9/18/06)

“As might be expected from someone with Lang's reputation and résumé...the music is outstanding. Lang mixes blues, funk, gospel and rock influences, with plenty of guitar licks and soulful organ solos.” – Fort Worth Star-Telegram (9/23/06)

“Clearly, this is not your average blues album...For those seeking after Jonny Lang the bluesman, you'll find what you're looking for here. The young man has not left his roots far away. However, the discriminating music listener who likes to see growth, progression, and innovation for an artist will also have some things to be happy about here with Lang's new touches of soul and R&B.” – Infuzemag.com (Sept. 2006)

Lang topped the Billboard New Artist chart with his first album at age 15, toured with the Rolling Stones, Aerosmith and Sting, performed with B. B. King and Buddy Guy, and now stands as a mature creative force, made more sensitive yet also toughened by life's adventures. Acclaimed recording artist Sara Groves explores Lang's compelling story in depth at www.christianitytoday.com/music, where Lang confesses that in the past he hated Christianity. Additional feature interviews can be found at <http://www.styleweekly.com/> and <http://www.newreleasetuesday.com/>.