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AMY GRANT

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

From the first track, "*Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas*," to the last, "*Joy To The World / For Unto Us A Child Is Born*," **HOME FOR CHRISTMAS**, Amy Grant's second album of Christmas recordings, is a celebration of the warmth and spirit of the holiday season. Produced by Brown Bannister and recorded in Nashville, New York and London, **HOME FOR CHRISTMAS** is full of seasonal favorites and also includes four original songs, including two co-penned by Amy.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS comes on the heels of 1991's **HEART IN MOTION**, the triple-platinum success which spawned five Grammy Award nominations and five top 10 singles, including the #1 hit "*Baby Baby*," and successfully launched Amy's pop music success.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS mixes contemporary recordings such as the spunky "*Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree*" and poignant "*Grown-Up Christmas List*," and the holiday single from the LP, with old time favorites like "*Winter Wonderland*" and "*It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year*," all in Amy's seemingly effortless style.

Recorded in the heat of summer, **HOME FOR CHRISTMAS** is nonetheless packed with loads of Christmas cheer. "I'm always in the mood for Christmas," says Amy. "For some people recording a Christmas album in June might feel like a real left turn. For me, it just feels great. I listen to Christmas albums all during the year. It might be 100 degrees outside," she laughs, "but you tell yourself 'it's 20 degrees in here, and we're gonna sing '*Walking In A Winter Wonderland*.'"

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS not only features Amy's full, rich vocals and skilled songwriting, but contributions from a host of other well-known talents. Songwriting duo David Foster and Linda Thompson contributed the wistful *Grown-Up Christmas List*, "on which Amy sings, "No more lives torn apart/That wars would never start/And time would heal all hearts...This is my grown-up Christmas list," while Carly Simon wrote "*The Night Before Christmas*" about the magic and wonder of Christmas. In addition, the London Philharmonic is featured throughout **HOME FOR CHRISTMAS** and is spotlighted on the instrumental "*Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring*." But perhaps best of all, listeners are treated to two brilliant holiday originals co-written by Amy: "*Emmanuel, God With Us*," and "*Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)*," which has special meaning for Amy.

"I think I had never taken the time to focus on what a traumatic, thrilling and lonely road Jesus' mother Mary traveled," Amy says. "I think the reason it's so intriguing to me is because I'm expecting a baby. It's rare that I sing a vocal and I don't feel my little daughter kicking around inside."

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS is inspired by Amy's special feelings about the holiday, and despite her busy touring schedule – she played to over one million fans on her last American tour – she always manages to make it home in time for tree-trimming. "For the last several years, my entire family, from the grandparents all the way down have taken a trip together. We've tried to diminish the gift giving and really focus on spending time together," she explains. "The trip can be overwhelming sometimes because there's 25 of us in one house...but it's wonderful!"

Amy Grant is home for Christmas this year with a generous amount of down home holiday

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spirit to share. **HOME FOR CHRISTMAS** makes the perfect soundtrack for not only this Christmas...but all those to come.

Track Listing

Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas
It's The Most Wonderful Time Of the Year
Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)
O' Come All Ye Faithful
Grown-Up Christmas List
Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree
Winter Wonderland
I'll Be Home For Christmas
Emmanuel, God With Us
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Joy To The World / For Unto Us A Child Is Born