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GAITHER HOMECOMING CONCERT RETURNS TO GERMAIN ARENA!

"LOVIN' LIFE" TOUR SET FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH AT 7:00PM

ESTERO, FL – Gospel music fans in Southwest Florida are “Lovin’ Life” as BILL GAITHER and his Homecoming Friends bring their inspirational music and message to Germain Arena on February 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM with the GAITHER HOMECOMING “LOVIN’ LIFE” TOUR 2008. Starting on Monday, September 15, at 10:00 AM, Gaither.com members will have the opportunity to purchase presale tickets through Sunday, September 21 at 10:00 PM. The show goes on sale to the general public at 10:00 AM on Monday, September 22, and tickets can be purchased at the Germain Arena Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, via telephone through Ticketmaster at (239) 334-3309, or online at www.Ticketmaster.com.

Hot on the heels of the release of their latest CD, *LOVIN’ LIFE*, The Gaither Vocal Band, along with a bevy of beloved Homecoming artists, share the classic and timely Gospel sounds of the Gaither phenomenon live with audiences in more than 32 cities. Few events have the ability to bring people together the way Gaither Homecoming concerts do. Year after year, Bill Gaither showcases the very best talent in the world of Gospel music, entertaining both young and old, and winning new fans with every performance.

Gaither comments, “Our audiences over the years have been so gracious and supportive that now, more than 40 years after quitting our day jobs as teachers to pursue music full-time, we are still shaking our heads at how far beyond our imagination this path has taken us.” Gaither adds, “We were just writing songs out of our daily struggles and questions... but apparently it struck a chord in the lives of real people like us. Awards, acclaim and gold albums cannot compare to the simple joy of being able to do what we love, after all these years, knowing that our work is still finding its way into the core of people’s lives.”

Nearly two decades after gospel music pioneer Bill Gaither began recording his Homecoming series of videos, virtually everything this Grammy Award winner has touched has turned to gold...and platinum. Throughout that time, the Gaither Homecoming Tour has performed to packed houses worldwide and consistently ranked at the top of the list for most concerts tickets sold worldwide, in *any* music genre.

In the tour produced by AEG LIVE, audiences can look forward to an evening of music and celebration featuring both fresh new sounds and classic favorites.

Gaither joins a cavalcade of singers, musicians and comedians, whose collective talents have been honored with countless awards, including Grammys, Doves and The NARAS President’s Merit Award. In 2000, Bill and Gloria Gaither were presented with the first ever “Songwriter of the Century” award by ASCAP. They also received the 2008 SACHEM, the state of Indiana’s highest award.

Joining Gaither on the Germain Arena stage are the Collingsworth Family; Gaither Vocal Band; Joy Gardner; Ernie Haase & Signature Sound; Hoppers; Gordon Mote; Janet Paschal; Lynda Randle; Ben Speer; and Kevin Williams (all artists subject to change).

Groups of 10 people or more can take advantage of great group discounts which include TWO complimentary tickets for every ten tickets purchased! For more information or to reserve your group, please contact either Betty Baumann (Event/Marketing Manager) at (239) 948-7825 (Ext. 1000) or Scott Bogen (Group Sales Manager) at (239) 948-7825 (Ext. 1104).

Located in Estero, Florida, Germain Arena is Southwest Florida's premier entertainment venue offering a wide variety of choice entertainment. Germain Arena has hosted over 1,000 events with 4,000,000 guests attending such shows as Elton John, Brad Paisley, Cher, Tom Petty, WWE, along with family events like Disney on Ice, the Harlem Globetrotters, My Little Pony, the Wiggles, and Sesame Street Live. The facility is also home to both hockey's Florida Everblades of the ECHL and arena football's Florida Firecats

of af2. Germain Arena is just minutes from Naples and Ft. Myers off of I-75 at Exit 123 in the growing Southwest Florida community of Estero.

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