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# IL DIVO LAUNCH NEW ALBUM "THE PROMISE"

## AND GLOBAL TOUR DATES AT EVENT IN BARCELONA

In 2004, four of the greatest voices in the world emerged to spearhead an entire musical genre by bringing the sound of opera to the world of popular music. Now as one of the most successful groups in the world with over 22 million albums sold, II Divo announce their massive touring plans for 2009 at a special event in Barcelona today to launch their fifth album *The Promise* which will be available globally on November 10<sup>th</sup> and on November 18<sup>th</sup> in the U.S. and Canada.

Il Divo's past sold out world tours have seen them performing to over 1.5 million people in thirty countries. They appeared at the opening and closing ceremonies of the FIFA 2006 World Cup singing the official theme song with Toni Braxton and they were special guests of Barbra Streisand on her 2006 tour of North America. Live Nation, the world's largest live music company, announced last month that it had signed a global touring agreement with Il Divo.

The 2009 World Tour will see II Divo perform across six continents, taking in many new cities and featuring a new large scale production. The tour will kick off February 21<sup>st</sup> in Manchester, followed by UK dates in London, Birmingham, Cardiff, Nottingham, Belfast, Newcastle and Glasgow. Performances will continue throughout Europe in March and early April and will visit arenas in Dublin, Belfast, Rotterdam, Copenhagen Oslo, Stockholm, Helsinki, Cologne, Stuttgart, Milan, Vienna, Ljubljana, Belgrade, Munich, Berlin, Antwerp, Barcelona, Madrid, Lisbon, Zurich and Paris. II Divo will then embark on their North American tour where they will perform in 13 Canadian cities interspersed and followed by dates in America including concerts in Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, Uniondale and E. Rutherford. Additional U.S. performances will include concert dates in Atlantic City, Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Everett, Ft. Lauderdale, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Omaha, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland, Reno, St. Louis, San Antonio, San Diego, San Jose, & Tampa. Rounding out the year, Il Divo will also visit Australia and Japan and perform dates in SE Asia.

Local concert information for "An Evening with II Divo" including venue, on-sale dates and ticket details will be announced shortly. Il Divo fans may check local listings for upcoming ticket information or visit <a href="https://www.ildivo.com">www.ildivo.com</a> and <a href="https://www.ildivo.com">www.livenation.com</a> for complete concert information updates.

The II Divo world tour is produced by Live Nation Global Touring and by arrangement with Octagon Music and Syco Music.

### New Album: The Promise

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, Simon Cowell and Syco hosted a major fete in Barcelona to celebrate the release of II Divo's anticipated new album *The Promise* that will be released on November 18<sup>th</sup> in the U.S. and Canada and November 10<sup>th</sup> around the world (Syco/Columbia).

Last Friday on October 24<sup>th</sup>, Il Divo was invited by Oprah Winfrey to open her show with their new version of "Amazing Grace." Introducing them as one of the "biggest musical acts on the planet," Il Divo fans immediately reacted. Within hours, pre-orders of Il Divo's new album *The Promise* soared to #1 on Amazon.com.

For *The Promise*, Il Divo members David Miller, Sebastien Izambard, Urs Buhler and Carlos Marín reunited with acclaimed producer and long-time collaborator Steve MCutcheon aka Steve Mac (Kelly

Clarkson, Leona Lewis, Westlife) who produced II Divo's #1 albums *Siempre* and *Ancora* plus their self-titled debut. Sung primarily in Spanish, Italian and English, songs on *The Promise* include:

- 1. The Power Of Love (La Fuerza Mayor) Spanish
- 2. La Promessa Italian
- 3. Adagio Italian
- 4. Hallelujah (Aleluya) Spanish
- 5. I Knew I Loved You (L'alba Del Mondo) Italian
- 6. Enamorado Spanish
- 7. Angelina Spanish
- 8. The Winner Takes It All (Va Todo Al Ganador) Spanish
- 9. La Luna Spanish
- 10. She Italian
- 11. Amazing Grace English

"People might be surprised by this album," suggests tenor David Miller. "Our goal was to approach it with fresh ears and fresh spirits, and try some different things. We've still got all the cannons and fireworks, but there is more range, different dynamics, more light and shade, more color. It's a more complete album."

II Divo, comprised of American tenor David Miller, popular French singer Sebastien Izambard, Swiss tenor Urs Buhler, and Spanish baritone Carlos Marin, were initially brought together by pop impresario Simon Cowell in 2004, following an extensive worldwide audition process. The virtuoso blending of operatic technique with romantic and popular song took the world by storm, with sales of over 22 million. Their first three albums, *Il Divo, Ancora and Siempre*, scored 39 #1 chart positions across the world. The group also released the platinum album *The Christmas Collection* in 2005. Sales of their debut self-titled album smashed Led Zeppelin's 25 year-old record of being the only band to achieve a number 1 album without a single release.

Il Divo's 2009 tour plans include the following cities:

Manchester, UK

### **EUROPEAN TOUR DATES:**

21-February

24-February Birmingham, UK London, UK 27-February 01-March Cardiff, UK Nottingham, UK 04-March Sheffield, UK 05-March Dublin, IE 07-March Belfast, UK 09-March 11-March Rotterdam, NL 14-March Copenhagen, DK 16-March Oslo, NO 17-March Stockholm, SE 20-March Koln, DE Stuttgart, DE 21-March 23-March Milan, IT 24-March Vienna, AT 25-March Liubliana, SI 27-March Belgrade, RS 30-March Munich. DE 31-March Berlin, DE 01-April Antwerp, BE 03-April Barcelona, ES 04-April Madrid, ES 06-April Lisbon, PT Zurich, CH 08-April 09-April Paris, FR 12-April Newcastle, UK 13-April Glasgow, UK

#### **NORTH AMERICAN TOUR DATES:**

28-April	Halifax, NS
30-April	Montreal, QC
02-May	Ottawa, ON
03-May	Kingston, ON
05-May	Toronto, ON
06-May	London, ON
08-May	Uniondale, NY
09-May	E. Rutherford, NJ
11-May	Washington, DC
14-May	Boston, MA
15-May	Philadelphia, PA
19-May	Chicago, IL
22-May	Winnipeg, MB
23-May	Regina, SK
25-May	Edmonton, AB
26-May	Calgary, AB
28-May	Kelowna, BC
30-May	Vancouver, BC
31-May	Victoria, BC

Itinerary subject to change. Additional dates and cities to be announced.

Visit www.ILDIVO.com or www.Livenation.com for ticket information.

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Pre-orders of *The Promise* are available at www.amazon.com.

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