

Mary James

Christian Country Singer, Songwriter

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Inside Edition's Megan Alexander, GAC's Storme Warren, and ICM winner Mary James

San Diego singer-songwriter Mary James wins ICM Award Along with Carrie Underwood, Point of Grace, and 'The Blind Side'

NASHVILLE, TN, October 14, 2010 – After three previous nominations for the coveted Female Vocalist of the Year award, San Diego singer-songwriter Mary James brought home the honor at the 2010 Inspirational Country Music (ICM) Awards Show.

James, whose hit singles “Come to the Well” and “I’m Not Willing,” have soared to the top of Christian-country charts this year, appears regularly at Shadow Mountain Community Church and is well known for her inspirational music to audiences from coast to coast. She was featured on the cover of Power Source Magazine this August.

James accepted the female vocalist honor from Leigh Anne Tuohy, the real life inspiration for Sandra Bullock’s character in *The Blind Side*, winner of the Faith, Family and Country Movie of the Year award. Joining Ms. Touhy was David Nixon, director and producer of the film *Letters to God*, and co-producer/assistant director of *Fireproof* and *Facing the Giants*.

Country superstar Carrie Underwood received the Inspirational Video of the Year award for her hit single “Temporary Home,” while the Entertainer of the Year award went to Point of Grace following

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their 2009 ICM Vocal Group of the Year award. Craig Morgan took double honors as Mainstream Inspirational Artist of the Year and won Mainstream Inspirational Song for “This Ain’t Nothin’.”

Tommy Brandt received Male Vocalist of the Year, guitarist Dennis Agajanian won Musician of the Year for the seventh time, and CrossCountry The Band was named Vocal Group of the Year.

As she accepted the female vocalist award, James said, “In the words of Ricky Skaggs, this is for Papa; our great God, the only one who can take a broken life such as mine and give it purpose.”

James, who combines folk, country and gospel with modern pop in three albums, has enjoyed growing popularity among Christian country audiences with numerous Top 10 singles and several No. 1’s. Among them are “Now That I Know Love” from her “Truth Cries Out” album, and the recent “Come to the Well,” a song from her “Beautiful Savior” CD that was nominated for the Christian Country Song of the Year. “I’m Not Willing,” another song from “Beautiful Savior,” remains a favorite among radio listeners across the country.

Also nominated for the 2010 Christian Music Hall of Fame, James was a semifinalist in both the John Lennon Songwriting Contest and the International Songwriting Contest. “Come to the Well” and many of her most popular songs were co-written with lead guitarist Gary Livesay and her guitarist husband, Dan Barker. Steve Wetherbee of San Diego produced her three albums.

The ICM Awards will air on DayStar Television Network. A complete list of winners can be found by visiting www.ccma.cc

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