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## **Press Release**

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**Providence Academy Announces 2013 Christian Storytelling Festival Headliners:**

# **Matthew West**

[www.christianstorytellingfestival.com](http://www.christianstorytellingfestival.com)



**Matthew West**  
**2013 Christian Storytelling Festival**

Grammy and Dove award winner, **Matthew West**, will headline the 2013 Christian Storytelling Festival held at Providence Academy Christian School on August 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The Christian Storytelling Festival celebrates its eighth year of providing Christian entertainment in both storytelling and music.

Matthew will share stories from his album, "The Story of Your Life" as well as perform songs from his collection. This album is a spectacular body of work that tackles a diverse

array of real life subject matter and finds west exploring tender territory rarely tapped in contemporary pop music. His creativity combined with a faithful heart and genuine love for people has made him one of the Christian music community's most accessible and respected artists.

An acclaimed singer, songwriter and recording artist, Matthew earned 2 Grammy nominations in 2012 bringing his career total to 4 nominations. This year, he welcomes a

nomination for Best Contemporary Christian Music album with “Into the Light” as well as a songwriting nomination for his contribution to Casting Crown’s song, “Jesus, friend of sinners”. With Grammy nominations, a Primetime Emmy nod, a sold out arena tour and a Billboard Music Award nomination, 2012 was quite a year for Matthew West.

In addition to his main solo career, West has worked as a songwriter for many Christian musicians and groups such as Point of Grace, Mandisa, and Natalie Grant, as well as mainstream country acts Rascal Flatts, Billy Ray Cyrus and Vince Gill.

West also pursued his acting skills, occasionally appearing in some Christian television shows starting in 2009. In 2011 he made his film debut via appearing on Gary Wheeler's Christian film *The Heart of Christmas* co-starring with Candace Cameron Bure.

The first single from Matthew West's new album, "My Own Little World" was released on August 23, 2010. The album, *The Story of Your Life*, was released October 5, 2010, and according to West, is a response to thousands of life stories his fans shared with him. "The first day, I got 1,000 stories. All of a sudden, I was like, 'holy cow, something special is about to take place'. I rented a cabin in Tennessee, about 25 minutes from my house that felt like it was out in the middle of nowhere. And I spent two months in that cabin reading 10,000 stories," the singer/songwriter reported in an interview with CBN.com. West finished 36 songs and began writing at least a hundred more. “There’s way more to be written,” he says with a sigh. “It felt like I just stepped into this hidden treasure trove for a songwriter. These people were trusting me to be the messenger and I felt like I’d been given a window into their world”. Most everyone who wrote said they hoped sharing their story would help another person dealing with the same issue. Matthew immediately realized he’s been given a sacred trust and that the songs he was writing would be among the most special works of his career.

### **Ticket Information**

Tickets are available on-line at [www.christianstorytellingfestival.com](http://www.christianstorytellingfestival.com). The concert will be held in the Providence Academy Gymnasium. All seats are \$15. The doors open at 6:15 P.M. and the event starts at 7:00 P.M. All seats are General Admission.

### **The Christian Storytelling Festival**

The Christian Storytelling Festival is a fundraiser, a friend raiser, and also a chance to celebrate storytelling with a Christian Worldview. All proceeds go to support the Providence Academy need-based Annual Scholarship Fund. This fund supports

approximately 25% of the school's students who would not be able to receive a Christ-centered and classical education without community support. The 2013-2014 goal of the Annual Scholarship Fund is to raise \$250,000. For more details, contact Director of Development Mark Koscak at (423) 854-9819 x-3013, or [mkoscak@providenceacademy.com](mailto:mkoscak@providenceacademy.com).

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Providence Academy (P.A.) is a non-denominational Christian school that implements a classical approach to education. It is located on a forty-five acre campus with a 67,000 square foot school facility. The school was founded in 1994. Providence Academy currently has 473 students from Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup>. Grade.

Tours are currently being scheduled for families interested in enrolling for the 2013-14 school year. Parents interested in Providence Academy may call (423) 854-9819 or view the school's web site at [www.providenceacademy.com](http://www.providenceacademy.com).

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