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**GRAMMY NOMINATED AND EMMY AWARD-WINNING JOHN TESH TO
RELEASE "JOHN TESH: BIG BAND LIVE!" ALBUM ON APRIL 17 IN TANDEM
WITH NEW PUBLIC TELEVISION SPECIAL DEBUTING IN MARCH**

**TESH TO TAKE "BIG BAND LIVE" ON THE ROAD FOR SUMMER
U.S. NATIONAL 2012 TOUR**



Los Angeles, CA—John Tesh, two-time Grammy nominated, four-time Gold-selling artist and six-time Emmy Award winner announced today that he will be launching a three-fold campaign for the next phase in his musical career – the release of his **“John Tesh: Big Band Live!”** album, national public television special, and 2012 summer U.S. tour. The album will be available digitally and on CD nationwide on April 17, and the public television special distributed by APT, Tesh’s biggest production since his landmark “Live At Red Rocks” also titled **“John Tesh: Big Band Live!”**, will begin airing in March, continuing through 2012. His national summer U.S. tour launches on May 1.

The **“John Tesh: Big Band Live!”** album will include tunes recorded in-studio of the songs featured on the live public television special. The special will run nationwide on public television stations on various dates/times, and in various markets through the end of the year (check local listings), and his tour will feature Tesh at his best – his live performances -- which have been the benchmark of his musical career.

Tesh, whose 25-year career includes six hit public television specials, a string of #1 radio hits, his popular nationally syndicated radio show “Intelligence For Your Life” in which he has 14.5 million listeners, will

be paying homage with his “Big Band experience” to jazz, big band and swing music that shaped the world from the early to mid 20th Century.

Recorded at Capitol Records Studios in Hollywood where Sinatra recorded many of his most enduring sides, “**John Tesh: Big Band Live!**” will feature new arrangements of nine standards and three familiar Tesh originals. The classic selections include “**The Summer Wind,**” “**I’ve Got The World On A String,**” “**The Way You Look Tonight,**” “**Blue Skies,**” “**In The Mood,**” “**Sway**” and “**Beyond The Sea.**” The re-imagined Tesh originals are “**Barcelona,**” “**Spanish Steps**” and “**Give Me Forever.**”

Says Tesh, “We’ve been testing out our live Big Band shows over the last two years on the road, and during these shows, we could see instantly the way people were reacting – with arms around each other, smiling, singing along with me to ‘Blue Skies.’ My goal is always to make an emotional connection with my fans, so I was inspired by this type of response.”

The APT (American Public Television) hour-long public television special “**John Tesh: Big Band Live!**” will feature 12 songs, culled from two live performances in front of an intimate audience of 400 fans, on a custom-built stage at Quixote Studios in Southern California. The live band featuring a 12-piece horn section includes some of Los Angeles’ top session and touring musicians. A multi-media musical presentation with photographs and history will be featured as context for the era in American culture that the music represents. The show also includes a special segment on the music of World War II, with a medley of instrumental songs from the period, punctuated by a reading of excerpts from Tesh’s father’s WWII diary.

“The goal for this project was to not only stay true to these classic songs, but to extend the arrangements a bit -- so I had a chance to improvise on piano,” adds Tesh. “It also gives the audience an opportunity to see these great jazz musicians stretch out musically during the longer instrumental breaks. The result is that every song is more fun and adventurous than we’ve usually heard it. Playing these standards this way, especially in a live setting, gives me an opportunity to be challenged in a way that never happens when I’m playing my own music.”

In addition to Tesh’s award-winning daily and weekly syndicated radio show, “Intelligence For Your Life”, which airs on more than 350 stations across the U.S., Canada and the U.K., Tesh also has an advertising and marketing company, TeshMedia, which handles clients such as Fortune 500 companies, including General Motors, Home Depot, Macy’s, Kohl’s, PetSmart, Amway, Geico Insurance and PetSmart. Tesh’s book “Intelligence for Your Life: Powerful Lessons for Personal Growth”, has spent time on the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Publisher’s Weekly*, *Wall Street Journal* & *Amazon.com* best-seller lists. Tesh launched his career in entertainment in 1986 with a 10-year run as anchor on *Entertainment Tonight*.

For more information on John Tesh and his 2102 “**Big Band Live!**” tour dates, visit www.tesh.com.

About American Public Television:

American Public Television (APT) has been a leading distributor of high-quality, top-rated programming to America’s public television stations since 1961. Since 2004, APT has distributed approximately half of the top 100 highest-rated public television titles. Among its 300 new program titles per year are prominent documentaries, news and current affairs programs, dramatic series, how-to programs, children’s series and classic movies, including **For Love of Liberty: The Story of America’s Black Patriots**,

A Ripple of Hope, Rick Steves' Europe, Newsline, Globe Trekker, Simply Ming, Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope, America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated, Lidia's Italy, P. Allen Smith's Garden Home, Midsomer Murders, Moyers & Company, Doc Martin, Rosemary & Thyme, BBC World News, The Rat Pack: Live and Swingin', Johnny Mathis: Wonderful, Wonderful! and John Denver: The Wildlife Concert. APT also licenses programs internationally through its APT Worldwide service. In 2006, APT launched and nationally distributed Create® – the TV channel featuring the best of public television's lifestyle programming. APT is also a partner in the WORLD™ channel expansion project including its web presence at WORLDcompass.org. For more information about APT's programs and services, visit APTonline.org. For more information on Create, visit CreateTV.com.

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