

# **Christian Music Artists Honored at 56th Dove Awards: 'People Are Hungry for Truth'**

The 56th annual Dove Awards is lighting up Nashville, Tennessee, as the Gospel Music Association gathers the most celebrated names in Christian music.

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Christian music's biggest night is a time to honor God and the Gospel, and to spotlight the artists who inspire millions.

CBN News traveled to Music City for all the sights and sounds from the red carpet to bring you up close and personal for the Dove Awards.

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Christian music artists told us it's all about using the gifts that God has given people and sharing them with the world.

"It just is a real honor to be here. And we're doing it for the culture, man," Israel Houghton told us.

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Chris Brown of Elevation Music said, "This is such a good atmosphere to be in, such an atmosphere of faith and love."

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# **Catholic Priest Facing Prison Time for Criticizing Islam**

After two years of war, Israel and Hamas agreed to end the fighting in Gaza and free the hostages. The historic agreement sets the stage for a post-war Gaza and Middle East. Now, the hostage families wait for their loved ones after more than 700 days in captivity.

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Hostage family members celebrated with President Trump over the phone on Wednesday. The president told Fox News' Sean Hannity about the first phase of the deal.



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"So great for Israel," he declared. "So great for Muslims, for the Arab countries, and so great for this country, the United States of America, that we can be involved in making a deal like this happen. You know, for years, they talked about peace in the Middle East. You know, this is more than Gaza; this is peace in the Middle East."

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The president talked about what is coming, as he explained, “You’ll see Gaza being rebuilt. We’re forming a council, a ‘council of peace’ we think it’s going to be called, and it’s going to be very powerful. And I think to a large extent, it’s going to have to do with the whole Gaza situation and people are going to be taken care of. It’s going to be a different world. I think the Middle East came together. Amazingly, they came together.”

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Trump is expected to arrive in Israel on Sunday, and the hostages are expected to be released on Monday, an event Israelis and others have hoped and prayed for the past 24 long months.

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# **Forrest Frank and Cory Asbury Propose Faith-Based Super Bowl Halftime Show**

TikTok sensation and Christian recording artist Forrest Frank and worship leader Cory Asbury are proposing what they’ve called an “insane idea” of putting on an alternative Super

Bowl halftime show.

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Their idea comes in response to the recent announcement that Puerto Rican artist Bad Bunny will be the featured entertainment for the 2026 Apple Music Super Bowl halftime show—a 12- to 15-minute slot that could be seen by over 100 million people.

Bad Bunny is widely known for his sexually explicit lyrics.



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"What if we did an alternative, family-friendly halftime show for the Super Bowl?" Asbury said in a video on social media. "Every year, everyone is all up in arms about the performer for the halftime show, and I get it because, 9 times out of 10, it's raunchy as heck."

*Negotiators from Israel and Hamas are in Cairo today, working through President Trump's plan to end the war in Gaza and free the hostages. The administration says momentum is building despite major hurdles.*

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*U.S. Secretary of State*

Marco Rubio told Fox News Sunday he's hopeful the hostages may soon be coming home, as President Trump delivered a stern warning to Hamas.

"I think we are closest we have been in a very long time to having no hostages held by Hamas, either living or deceased," Rubio stated. "The second part of this – and it's going to be a much tougher part of this – is what happens after that? Who's going to run Gaza moving forward? It can't be Hamas. It can't be a terrorist organization."



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What comes after the hostage release is one of several core issues on the table in Cairo. Israel says the talks cannot drag on.

Israeli Government Spokesperson Shosh Bedrosian emphasized, "Now the Prime Minister has

also made it clear that in an agreement with the Trump administration, talks will be confined to a few days maximum, with no tolerance for maneuvers that will delay talks by Hamas.”

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She added, “Israel is standing by the 72-hour deadline from the moment all details are solidified with Hamas, and we’ll be ready immediately to receive all of our hostages.”

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Hamas says it may need time to collect the 48 hostages, only 20 of whom are still believed to be alive.

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