

Christian Hip-Hop Artist Lecrae Earns Grammy Nod

Amongst newcomers leading the field alongside established artists, producers and songwriters, Reach Records' artist **Lecrae** garnered his second career Grammy nomination for "Best Gospel Album" with his recent studio project *Gravity*.

Lecrae was included among the industry's top entertainers as nominees for the 55th Annual Grammy Awards were announced Wednesday night during an hour-long televised concert in Nashville co-hosted by country-pop artist Taylor Swift and veteran Grammy host, rapper-actor LL Cool J.

Gravity released earlier this fall and debuted at No. 3 on *Billboard's* Top 100 chart and dominated the No. 1 spot on *Billboard's* Rap, Independent, Gospel and Christian charts. The follow-up release to his Grammy-nominated record *Rehab: The Overdose* (2010), *Gravity* showcases the esteemed hip-hop artist's provoking lyrical technique, live instrumentation and hypnotic beats. His seventh studio project to date, *Gravity* also features the talents of Mali Music, Mathai (*The Voice*), label mates Trip Lee and Tedashii, Street Symphony's Heat Academy and The Watchmen, with production from DJ Khalil.

Lecrae performed *Gravity's* biggest hits such as "Violence," "Tell The World" and "I Know" on his latest *Unashamed Tour*, which wrapped before the Thanksgiving holiday. He and label mates, Trip Lee, Tedashii, Andy Mineo, KB and Derek Minor, visited 30 cities including New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago, Dallas and Atlanta, among others. Lecrae will hit the road again in 2013 for a full spring tour while performing at various events and festivals throughout the year.

The 55th Annual Grammy Awards will be held on at The Staples Center in Los Angeles and will air nationwide on CBS starting

at 8 p.m. EST /7 p.m. CST.