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**Jonathan White Starts 2005 Off With a Bang!**

CANTON, Ohio – Jonathan White, one of Southern Gospel music's fastest rising soloists, has managed to start his year off with a bang!

White, who was one third of the popular trio **Mencer, White & Cheney**, snagged a surprise nomination for **Male Vocalist of the Year** at the 2005 SGN Music Awards for his work on his latest live album *Live at Chapel Hill* released last year. The staff at SouthernGospelNews.com voted on the nominees, and the fans are given the chance to award their favorites by voting during the month of February. Voting began on February 8 and continues until February 28, 2005.

"This is so exciting," said Jonathan. "I was extremely shocked to get this nomination. I want to thank the staff at SGN for all their hard work and for this very humbling nomination. I will never ever take it for granted."

The awards will be presented at a special awards ceremony in Nashville, Tennessee on April 26, 2005.

In addition to his recent SGN Music Award nomination, Jonathan's single, "The Passion of the Christ", recently went #1 for three weeks on the SouthernGospelNews.com Weekly Top 40 Chart. As well as going #1, the song set a new record for the number of weeks voted as the Fan Favorite, spending an amazing 11 weeks in the top spot.

"All of this so very humbling," responded White. "It's just a validation that I'm where I'm supposed to be right now in my ministry. I want to thank the fans for continually supporting my ministry and this song. It is truly a remarkable piece of music."

The single comes from Jonathan White's latest live disc, *Live From Chapel Hill*, and it was written by **Steven Cheney** (Mencer, White & Cheney) and the late **Dan Adkins**.

Jonathan's follow up to "The Passion of the Christ" will be released soon. Be listening for new single, "Don't Drink the Water", on your local station!

More information on Jonathan White can be found at his newly designed website: <http://www.jonathanwhite.com> .

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