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# Press Release

## TOBYMAC ANNOUNCES HITS DEEP DATES TO BEGIN SPRING 2018

**Conway, AR (September 22, 2017):** Food for the Hungry presents the **TOBYMAC** Hits Deep Tour 2018! TobyMac is back with another starstudded lineup for this years Hits Deep Tour! Joining **Toby** will be **Mandisa, Danny Gokey, Ryan Stevenson, and Finding Favour.** **NEW FOR 2018** a 20% discount will be offered during the first weekend of sales only! Use the code "INSIDER" from on sale 9/29 – 11:59pm 10/1 and you can save 20%!

Tickets will go on sale nationwide on September 29, 2017 at 10:00am local time and a complete list of cities and venues are listed below. Tickets and more information will be available online at [www.awakeningevents.com](http://www.awakeningevents.com). You can click the Tour art below to download the image.



DATE	CITY	VENUE
TUE JAN 30	OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	CHESAPEAKE ENERGY ARENA
THU FEB 1	RIO RANCHO, NM	SANTA ANA STAR CENTER
FRI FEB 2	GLENDALE, AZ	GILA RIVER ARENA
SAT FEB 3	SALT LAKE CITY, UT	VIVINT SMART HOME ARENA
THU FEB 8	SAN DIEGO, CA	VIEJAS ARENA @ SDSU
FRI FEB 9	ONTARIO, CA	CITIZENS BUSINESS BANK ARENA
SAT FEB 10	RENO, NV	RENO EVENTS CENTER
SUN FEB 11	SACRAMENTO, CA	GOLDEN 1 CENTER
TUE FEB 13	FRESNO, CA	SAVE MART CENTER @ FRESNO STATE
THU FEB 15	KENNEWICK, WA	TOYOTA CENTER
FRI FEB 16	SEATTLE, WA	KEY ARENA
SAT FEB 17	PORTLAND, OR	MODA CENTER
SUN FEB 18	SPOKANE, WA	SPOKANE VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA
THU FEB 22	DENVER, CO	DENVER COLISEUM
FRI FEB 23	KANSAS CITY, MO	SPRINT CENTER
SAT FEB 24	MOLINE, IL	IWIRELESS CENTER
THU MAR 1	MILWAUKEE, WI	UWM PANTHER ARENA
FRI MAR 2	OMAHA, NE	BAXTER ARENA
SUN MAR 4	GRAND RAPIDS, MI	VAN ANDEL ARENA
THU MAR 8	BELTON, TX	BELL COUNTY EXPO CENTER
FRI MAR 9	LUBBOCK, TX	UNITED SUPERMARKETS ARENA
SAT MAR 10	EL PASO, TX	DON HASKINS CENTER
SUN MAR 11	SAN ANTONIO, TX	AT&T CENTER
THU MAR 15	TULSA, OK	BOK CENTER
FRI MAR 16	BATON ROUGE, LA	RAISING CANE'S RIVER CENTER
SAT MAR 17	BIRMINGHAM, AL	LEGACY ARENA AT THE BJCC
SUN MAR 18	PENSACOLA, FL	PENSACOLA BAY CENTER

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## Hits Deep 2018 Info Sheet

**About TOBYMAC:** With more than 11 million units in career sales and a whopping seven GRAMMY® Awards, TobyMac's career continues on the fast track. His most recent studio album, **THIS IS NOT A TEST** garnered a GRAMMY® Award, Billboard Music Award nomination and a high marking debut at No. 4 on the Billboard Top 200. Each one of his previous five studio solo projects have achieved Gold certification, a first for an artist in the history of his label, Capitol Christian Music Group. Among those honored with Gold certification, **EYE ON IT**, which debuted atop the Billboard 200, only the third ever Christian album to do so. His previous live DVD, **ALIVE & TRANSPORTED**, is RIAA Certified platinum and received a GRAMMY® award.

**About Mandisa:** With more than 1 million records sold, GRAMMY® winner and American Idol Season 5 finalist Mandisa is a voice of encouragement and truth to people facing life's challenges all around the world. In less than a year, Mandisa performed her three hit singles "Overcomer," "Good Morning," and "Stronger" on the highest rated morning show, ABC's Good Morning America (GMA.) Her performance of "Stronger" welcomed the emotional return of beloved morning host Robin Roberts. The NFL also welcomed Mandisa to perform the national anthem during a Sunday night NFL Network game to kick off Breast Cancer Awareness month where she was joined by members of the 49ers family who are survivors. Her album, *Overcomer*, released August 27, 2013 and debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Christian Albums Chart, with the album's title track proving to be a smash at radio Mandisa was awarded a GRAMMY® for Best Contemporary Christian Music Album for her best-selling and critically acclaimed project *Overcomer*. Additionally, "Overcomer's" songwriters (David Garcia, Ben Glover & Christopher Stevens) won the GRAMMY® for Best Contemporary Christian Music Song.

**About Danny Gokey:** BMG recording artist Danny Gokey became a favorite of millions of fans as a Top 3 finalist on Season 8 of *American Idol*. His first album, *My Best Days* debuted at #4 on the Billboard Top 200 album chart. Following, Danny has celebrated a series of #1s including his first Award-winning holiday album, "Christmas Is Here," as well as singles including "Hope In Front of Me" and "Tell Your Heart to Beat Again." Gokey's latest album, *Rise*, reached #1 on the Billboard Top Christian Album chart and its title track, and first single, marked Gokey's third #1 song.

**About Ryan Stevenson:** Following a seven-year stint as a paramedic, Pacific Northwest native Ryan Stevenson signed an exclusive agreement with Gotee Records in 2013 after capturing TobyMac's attention by co-writing the No. 1 and Grammy® nominated single "Speak Life." His first recording for the label was the **Holding Nothing Back** EP in 2013, which garnered the Top 25 single "Holding Nothing Back. This was followed by 2015's full-length album **Fresh Start** which featured the No. 1 radio single "Eye of the Storm". With three No. 1 singles (two as an artist and one as a co-writer), a GRAMMY® nomination, ASCAP honors and major tour bills with the likes of TobyMac, Newsboys and Matt Maher, among others, Ryan has already distinguished himself as a rare talent whose unique perspective guides his honest lyrics and sonic sensibilities.

**About Finding Favour:** A big part of what makes Finding Favour so endearing is that they're relatively normal guys. They're family men who like to hunt & fish, enjoy quiet nights in the country, and don't know or really care about this year's fashion trends. That said, what comes with the territory of 'normalcy' are standard feelings all men deal with—like a desire to be respected, accepted and understood. And the fear that creeps in at the thought of those desires falling short. Naturally, Finding Favour (Blake NeeSmith, Allen Dukes, Dustin Daniels, Matt Pacco and Jon August) know these fears all too well. Or *did*.

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**About Food For The Hungry:** Food For The Hungry seeks to end ALL forms of human poverty by going into the hard places and closely walking with the world's most vulnerable people. Our view of poverty is holistic and complex. Our solutions are innovative and community-specific. We courageously seek out the overlooked and advocate for the underserved. We're unrelenting and we do what others claim can't be done. Through community-owned transformation we empower children, families and communities to invest in their own development. More than anything, we want to see people thrive. We are agents of change. We work, we feed, we teach, we love, but we know when it's time to leave. We are ending poverty, together. [www.FH.org](http://www.FH.org)

**About Awakening Events:** Awakening Events produces over 175 Contemporary Christian concerts and events nationwide in America and is consistently ranked in Pollstar's "Worldwide - Top 50 Promoter" list each year, reaching as high as 9<sup>th</sup> in North America, and top 20 in the world. Awakening Events, based in Conway Arkansas is dedicated to all aspects of live Contemporary Christian music touring, including but not limited to, planning, logistics, creative, marketing and helping create the ultimate fan experience. For more info visit: [www.AwakeningEvents.com](http://www.AwakeningEvents.com)