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UNDEROATH DOWN UNDER, TOPS IN US

Underoath - the band whose career sales now exceed a million copies - has entered the Billboard Top 200 Album chart at #8 selling in its first week more than 56 000 copies of its much-anticipated *Lost In The Sound Of Separation* album.

The CD reached #1 on Billboard's Top Christian albums chart, and #5 on the Top Digital albums chart with almost 10 000 digital downloads in its first week.

A special edition version of the CD includes a 10-page booklet, as well as interviews with the band.

The band performed this week in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

SWITCHFOOT TO RELEASE WIDE MUSICAL JOURNEY

Switchfoot will release its first ever 'greatest hits' anthology next month.

The Best Yet pulls together key moments from Switchfoot's Columbia years - *The Beautiful Letdown* (2003), *Nothing Is Sound* (2005), and *Oh! Gravity*. (2006) plus reflects the band's earlier years when they were signed to Charlie Peacock's indie label, re:Think Records.

The 18-song collection includes Switchfoot's current TRAA hit, *This Is Home* from the 2008 movie soundtrack of Disney's *The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*.

Switchfoot bassist Tim Forman says the CD represents "a wide musical journey".

PARACHUTE LINEUP

New Zealand's *Parachute 09* has announced the lineup for the Southern Hemisphere's largest four day music festival.

The list includes US platinum selling act Casting Crowns, alt-worship outfit the David Crowder band, Portland rockers Kutless, Atlanta crazy crunk rockers, Family Force Five, and Kiwi superstar Dave Dobbyn.

Parachute 09 will be held at Hamilton's Mystery Creek 23-26 January next year.

Organisers expect a crowd of more than 25 000 punters to attend Parachute's 19th festival, and to experience 150 bands across six stages.

In addition to the music, the festival will host a raft of international speakers, including Hillsong's Brian Houston, and Jurgen Matthesius from C3 in San Diego.

Parachute is yet to announce whether it will present any events in Australia around the same time as its NZ festival.

Earlier this year, Parachute foreshadowed its interest in organising a series of events and festivals in Australia initially on a small scale in 2009.

Casting Crowns will be appearing in Australia at Brisbane's Gateway Centre on 23 January. Queensland Baptists and 96Five will present the gig.