

## **International Christian recording artist Michelle Tumes to perform at LoVEFest '08 at Gardens of the World**

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April 23, 2008—Thousand Oaks, California—International Christian recording artist **Michelle Tumes**, whose musical style has been compared to Enya and Bono, among others, will perform at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual **LoVEfest '08** concert on Sunday, June 29, at Gardens of the World in Thousand Oaks. The event, sponsored by **Lily of the Valley Endeavor (LoVE)**, a California nonprofit 501c3 organization that supports AIDS orphans in South Africa, will include live contemporary Christian music, food from local restaurants, a silent auction, and an opportunity to sponsor an orphaned child in Africa.

LoVE supports the Lily of the Valley Children's Village, an orphanage in KwaZulu, South Africa, that provides housing, food, medication, education and, most importantly, motherly care, in group homes for children who have been affected and/or infected by HIV/AIDS. Each cottage houses one full-time housemother and six children. This family environment ensures that each child receives maternal love and nurturing-- something many of these children have never experienced. This unique orphanage is fast becoming a model for other African countries in dealing with the devastating HIV/AIDS pandemic. Proceeds from this year's LoVEFest will help support and staff a second orphanage in the neighboring village of Makuputu, as well as build educational, community and food parcel programs.

Tickets are tax-deductible and can be purchased in advance for \$35 by visiting [www.lilyvalleyusa.org](http://www.lilyvalleyusa.org). Advance ticket purchase is strongly recommended, as attendance is limited.

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