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Two Christian artists coming to Stambaugh Auditorium for one night

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On Sunday, November 13th, Stambaugh Auditorium and the C.S. Lewis Institute will present a concert featuring Christian artists Leeland and Meredith Andrews. Tickets for this show go on sale Friday, August 5th at 10am through the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office at Stambaugh Auditorium.

Described as Christian rock, Contemporary Christian Music, and Progressive rock, Leeland achieved notoriety in 2006 with their debut album, *Sound of Melodies*. The band, known for having a passion-filled live experience, just released their fifth studio album, *Invisible*, in July. They currently have four Grammy Award nominations and eight Dove Award nominations.

Before Leeland became Leeland, the group's lead singer and namesake, Leeland Mooring, was writing songs with Michael W. Smith. He co-wrote six songs on Smith's 2006 release *Stand*. "Leeland is the best thing I have heard in a long, long time," said Smith. "I can't stop singing the songs in my head."

Meredith Andrews is a Contemporary Christian Music artist, songwriter, and worship leader. She is a two time Dove Award winner for Worship Song of the Year and Praise & Worship Album of the Year. Her fifth album, *Deeper*, was released in February 2016. A Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) review of the album said, "There isn't a track on *Deeper* that couldn't be used on a Sunday morning, which only confirms that Andrews is a true worship leader at heart."

A native of Wilson, NC, music was always an integral part of the Andrews home. While majoring in family and child development at Liberty University, Andrews felt God calling her into music ministry. After school, she relocated to Chicago and began leading worship at Harvest Bible Chapel. "I never felt like I could write corporate worship songs, but that's what I always wanted to do because I am a worship leader," Andrews states.

Tickets for this show go on sale Friday, August 5th at 10am. For more information or for tickets, visit stambaughauditorium.com or call the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office at Stambaugh Auditorium at 330-259-0555. The box office is open Monday through Friday, 9am-6pm and Saturday, 10am-2pm.

About Stambaugh Auditorium:

Stambaugh Auditorium is a non-profit public auditorium which opened in 1926 through the generous gift of Youngstown area businessman Henry H. Stambaugh. The centerpiece of the complex is the Concert Hall which has a seating capacity of 2,553 and is renowned for its near perfect acoustics. The auditorium also features a 9,700-square-foot ballroom (Jeanne D. Tyler Grand Ballroom), a recital hall (Anne K. Christman Memorial Hall), and a formal garden at the southern end of the building, all of which can be rented for public, business, or private functions. The venue welcomes national and international performers on a regular basis while also hosting local and regional events many of which use the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office to sell and distribute tickets. Stambaugh Auditorium was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.