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The latest studio album from Sevendust, *Chapter VII: Hope & Sorrow*, came out in April from 7Bros. Records, and is reviewed this issue (see page 81). Sean Groove produced the 11-song CD at Atlanta's Tree Sounds Studios along with the band's drummer, Morgan Rose, and guitarist

John Connolly.

"There was a really relaxed vibe in the studio this time around," says vocalist Lajon Witherspoon. "I think *Hope & Sorrow* shows a different side of Sevendust. Heavy but yet still growing in a direction that explores a lot of different things musically for us. I'm excited about the album." The new disc features three guest appearances: two from the band Alter Bridge (guitarist Mark

Tremonti appears on "Hope" and singer Myles Kennedy lends his vocals to "Sorrow") and one from Daughtry mainman Chris Daughtry, a longtime Sevendust fan who contributed to the tune "The Past." Sevendust originally planned to spend this summer taking part in the Rockstar Energy Mayhem tour with Slipknot and Disturbed, but pulled out in advance, citing scheduling conflicts.

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