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On the heels of receiving a Juno Award nomination, BEC Recordings hip hop artist, MANAFEST, has also been nominated for two Dove Awards. In addition, he has garnered a slot on JesusFreakHideout.com s 2007 Reader s Choice Awards list.

The Gospel Music Association announced the nominees for the 38th Annual Dove Awards on Tuesday, with Manafest receiving nods for Rap/Hip Hop Album of the Year for his sophomore release Glory and Rap/Hip Hop Recorded Song of the Year for Skills , from his first album Epiphany. The award ceremony will be held April 25th at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, TN and will be televised in national syndication in May.

Adding to the many accolades Manafest has recently received, JesusFreakHideout.com announced the winners of their 4th Annual Reader s Choice Awards. Glory has been listed in the Top 5 for Rap/Hip-Hop/Party Album of the Year, alongside KJ-52, Grits and Ayiesha Woods.

When I heard the news, I was like YEAH!!! Year of the open door baby! God continues to pour out his blessings, exclaims Manafest. I have worked really hard the past few years, and it's awesome to be recognized for it."

Currently playing solo dates across the country, Manafest will team with Boarders for Christ for a tour in April and May. San Diego-based Boarders for Christ is a team of professional skaters and snowboarders who are dedicated to sharing the gospel. Manafest will be the headline performer for the event and will be skating alongside Tim Byrne and his team of skateboarders, making stops in Florida, Virginia, New Jersey, Kentucky, Arizona, Texas to name a few.

Suffering a severe ankle injury and ending his dream to become a pro skater, Chris Greenwood, aka MANAFEST, signed with BEC Recordings and released his debut album Epiphany in 2005 and the follow-up, Glory, in 2006. Glory has received great response since it s release, with Christian Music Today s Andree Farias commenting, the album manages to be a study on how to fuse rap and rock the right way. It even trumps recent offerings by tobyMac, KJ-52, and John Reuben all practitioners who have a thing for rap-rock, but that don't do it as well. Highly recommended.