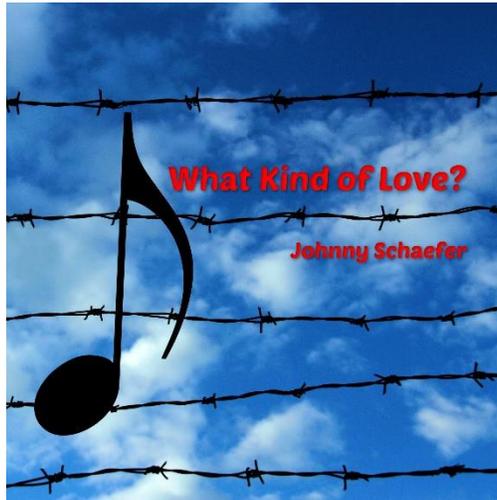


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In Protest of Ongoing Detention and Oppression of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the US, Johnny Schaefer, Singer and Songwriter of Eclectic Music, Releases A Powerful New Song and Music Video

Backup singer for Josh Groban, Melissa Manchester, Sarah Brightman, Sarah Vaughan, Pete Townshend, Billy Idol, Diahann Carroll, and others.

Johnny Schaefer is a Los Angeles-based singer and songwriter of eclectic music. He has a BA in Music (Composition and Voice) from California State University, Fullerton. He has sung backup for Josh Groban, Melissa Manchester, Sarah Brightman, Sarah Vaughan, Pete Townshend, Billy Idol, Diahann Carroll, and others. His song and music video, "Unflown" is currently a semi-finalist in the International Songwriting Awards. He is a winner in Melissa Manchester's "Fanchester Video Cover Contest" for his mashup of Melissa's "Midnight Blue and Lights of Dawn." He has collaborated with Producer Gary Stockdale, Stephan Oberhoff (Heartbeat Brazil), Bram Stoker Award-winning author and lyricist Elizabeth Massie, best-selling author Marianne Williamson, Carol Robbins-jazz harpist, Christoph Bull, Paul the Trombonist, Chad Ellis, and composer Lynn Kowal. He has been a cantor and soloist at Blessed Sacrament Church in Hollywood, CA since 1981.

Johnny's new single "What Kind of Love" is a searing critique of US Federal immigration enforcement practices which have resulted in the imprisonment, abuse, rape, and forced sterilization of thousands of legitimate asylum seekers and refugees, and the separation of families who flee death and oppression in South America and elsewhere.

The compelling music video was created by Paco Silva and Daniel Henry-Smith on a concept created by Johnny Schaefer. It features Sehnta Joshua Mattison as a news

anchor introducing Schaefer, who sings the song as though it is a commentary on the “Mourning News” (the ‘U’ is intentional) on imaginary station, “WTF.”

“If ever there was a time and a topic to be angry about, it is this,” said Schaefer. “I do not even think it is appropriate to mince words. People are dying and being tormented on our watch. It has to stop!”

The video features four of more than 20 Bible verses that specifically call for loving treatments of strangers and immigrants when Johnny sings “You read scriptures on welcoming strangers, and yet you abhor them.” It also highlights various headlines that expose atrocities such as forced hysterectomies, sexual molestation of thousands of children, needless deaths in captivity, and a Federal judge who declared that toddlers are capable of representing themselves in immigration court.

The music and lyrics of “What Kind of Love” are by Johnny Schaefer, Auditory Verve Music, ASCAP, who sings the song. The recording is produced and arranged by Gary Stockdale, who also provides backup vocals. Percussion is by MB Gordy and was recorded in his Riot Drum Studio with Lucas Fehring serving as engineer. Gregory Prestopino Mixed and Mastered the recording.

Johnny Schaefer has created a page on his website, www.hearjohnny.com, where interested parties can find contact information for organizations that are trying to advocate for immigrants.

“It is my hope that this song and video will be irrelevant very soon because the camps have been closed and real immigration reform is initiated, but I cannot remain silent. I hope you can’t, either” said Schaefer.

“What kind of love justifies your disdain?
What kind of love won’t empathize with such pain?
What kind of God wants a cage in His name?
We’re just told to love
Is that asking too much?”

-from “What Kind of Love” by Johnny Schaefer

Watch the video: https://youtu.be/0pR48_Bntd0

“What Kind of Love” will be available on most download and streaming platforms in the coming weeks. Due to COVID, there are some distribution delays but Johnny decided not to wait on the video due to the timeliness of the message. The song can be downloaded at his website, www.hearjohnny.com.

For more information:

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<https://hearjohnny.com/>

Amazon

https://www.amazon.com/s?k=Johnny+Schaefer&i=digital-music&search-type=ss&ref=ntt_srch_drd_B00FZMY8KG

Deezer

<https://www.deezer.com/us/artist/5778584/radio?autoplay=true>

EPK

<https://hearjohnny.com/electronic-press-kit>

Facebook

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Google Play

<https://play.google.com/music/preview/Amwnhbx54ed6q3vqlbgdzo7igcq?play=1&u=0>

Instagram

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iTunesApple Music

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Jango

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Lastfm

<https://www.last.fm/music/Johnny+Schaefer/+tracks>

MixCloud (Put it Together podcast interview)

<https://www.mixcloud.com/putittogetherwithdanielgarza/episode-139-a-christmas-wish-johnny-schaefer/>

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