

Bio for Johnny Schaefer

Johnny Schaefer is an eclectic Los Angeles-based singer/songwriter. He has a BA in Music (Composition and Voice) from California State University, Fullerton. He has sung backup for Josh Groban, Melissa Manchester, Sarah Vaughan, Pete Townsend, Billy Idol, Diahann Carroll, and others. He was a Semi-Finalist in four categories in the 2020 UK Songwriting Competition. 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 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 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Hollywood, CA since 1981. Johnny has two albums. one is an eclectic mix of mostly original tunes. The other is a Christmas album taking the listener from Advent through Epiphany. 7 of the songs are original and 7 are classics. Johnny's single, *While You are Right in Front of Me*, is a power ballad written while he was a caregiver for his cancer-stricken mother during the COVID lockdown. Producer Stephan Oberhoff of Heartbeat Brazil, an affiliate of Quincy Jones, produced the track. He is married to Video Director Paco Silva and has been active in the LGBTQ arts community.

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