

# Press\_Release



Artist: **Graham Kendrick**  
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## Press Release - 'Do Something Beautiful'

Graham Kendrick's return to the studio for the second time in two years has produced another milestone in worship music. Whereas 2001's 'What Grace' set listeners up with a stirring meditation on the title theme, 'Do Something Beautiful' moves on to the next phase: it does exactly what it says on the tin. 'Do Something Beautiful' is at once inspiring and challenging, a thing of beauty and an encouragement to put devotion into action.

'Do Something Beautiful' marks a continuation of Graham's determination to draw the Church closer to God, singing songs that reveal truth and open hearts. It is a sign of his influence that 'Do Something Beautiful' – Graham's second album of the decade - makes connections that span the globe, the generations and beyond. Australia's Darlene Zschech (Hillsong Fellowship) duets on the anthemic 'There Is A Hope So Sure' while Britain's Tim Hughes (Soul Survivor) joins with Graham on 'Your Love, Your Mercy' – an intimate meditation that instantly draws the listener in.

Yet the connections spread further. 'Do Something Beautiful' draws in a piece of worship history by featuring an adaptation of Charles Wesley's 'O For A Thousand Tongues' as well as two specially commissioned songs. This year's Spring Harvest conferences in the UK will be celebrating their 25th anniversary with the help of the album's ebullient and empowering title track, while Christian Solidarity Worldwide / Release International have been singing their anthem for the persecuted church 'How Long?' since Graham introduced it to them at their joint prayer event in November 2002.

'Do Something Beautiful' reunites Graham with 'What Grace' producer Andy Piercy, who (along with Paul Burton) has fused an awareness of contemporary sounds with classic Kendrick songwriting. Added texture and mood comes in the form of strings laid down in Prague with Keith Getty, writer and producer of New Irish Hymns. Yet, more than an accomplished studio project, this is an album which breathes the spirit of praise throughout, and even features a spontaneous scripture song borne out of one of Graham's 'Incense Rising' worship and intercession gatherings.

"There's a thread that runs throughout 'Do Something Beautiful' says Graham. "It's a celebration of aspects of the biblical truth summed up in the apostle's words "Christ in you the hope of glory" (Col 1: 26,27) – power to live the 'Jesus life' here and now, plus the anticipation of Christ's kingdom which will one day fill the earth.

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From an artist for whom “the message is the thing”, ‘Do Something Beautiful’ is yet another triumph; lyrical theology that instructs the mind and inspires the heart. Graham’s talent for putting into song the struggles and triumphs of Christian living has nurtured the Church over three decades. As he moves into his fourth, ‘Do Something Beautiful’ maps out a route for this next stage: passionate and purposeful, Graham’s music has greater power than ever. Hardly surprising then that at the Australia Hillsong Conference Darlene Zschech dubbed him ‘the Yoda of worship’ (apologies to those unfamiliar with the Star Wars films!)

Graham will be appearing at this year’s Spring Harvest conferences as well as headlining a 11 date tour of Cathedrals throughout the United Kingdom between March 6th and 29th. Finally, the ‘Do Something Beautiful’ Tour will take in further venues around the country from 29th to the 16th June.

For more information and any promotional material, please contact.

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