

Kevin Knott

Live Worship in Switzerland

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SAMA nominee and well-known South African worship leader, Kevin Knott, has just released his first live album which was recorded at a worship concert held in Switzerland recently.

Kevin's wife, Diane, says: "I've always wanted Kevin to do a live recording as I really feel that there is something special and unique that happens when he leads others in worship and this has now been captured on this album".

Kevin and Diane Knott have a desire to "raise the sounds of joy in our cities" through worship concerts that are spontaneous and passionate, placing a hunger for God in the hearts of many.

Raising the sounds of joy

Music is the heartbeat of South Africa so, when the sounds of joy, so evident in the streets of Cape Town during the 2010 World Cup Soccer tournament, began to subside, Kevin and Diane felt that the Believers should continue to "raise the sounds of joy in our cities",¹ Chron 15:16. One way that they could do this was by having worship concerts.

It was during the same year that Kevin's third album 'Worthy' was nominated for a SAMA award for Best Contemporary Album for the Year and the couple felt that those who would not normally go to church also needed

to experience worshipful music, so they encourage Christians to invite their friends to the concerts.

Kevin finds it so rewarding as a worship leader to hear the testimonies from unbelievers, some hearing worship for the first time, and he has many stories to share.

A hunger to worship

He was invited to do back-to-back concerts at the Beacon Isle Hotel in Plettenberg Bay and,

on the first evening, realising that the audience consisted of a large number of the local Jewish community, he started the evening off with Israeli folk music and everyone was dancing around the room.

Diane adds "It was at this event that the Scripture where we would "provoke the Jews to jealousy" became real to me. I happened to look across at an elderly Jewish man near me and was struck by the expression on his face. He sat in the front row and was staring at Kevin who had his eyes closed as he worshipped the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I was so touched by the look of longing on his

face. He too, wanted to worship God like that!

Singing in the Spirit

Kevin shares another story: "Running out of words to express my love for the Lord, I sang in tongues. A dear Christian friend who had invited her Moslem friend to a worship concert, whispered shyly to her that "he is just making the words up now" to which she replied "Oh, no, he's singing in Italian" and translated word for word what I had sung. She is married to an Italian Count."

A thirst for Living Water

These stories and many more encouraged Kevin to do more worship concerts. Kevin's music has taken him to Europe, Africa and the Middle East and the couple are so encouraged by what the Holy Spirit is doing in the hearts of those who attend the concerts.

"After a concert held in Switzerland", Kevin relates, "a young man who did not go to church told our son, Gareth, that he did not know what had happened during the concert but that he wanted to cry and run up to the front and fall at my feet and say 'Mentor me!'" He explained that he had not cried since he was a young boy when his parents had died. Gareth explained that it wasn't me but the Holy Spirit that wanted to teach him and lead him into all truth."

Diane continues "We also came to realise

"Honour God and praise His greatness! For the time has come for Him to judge all people. Worship Him who made Heaven, earth, sea, and the springs of water!"

Revelation 14:7

that, as Kevin worshiped the Lord, the Holy Spirit was releasing water over the people. After the concerts, unbelievers would recall times when they had felt the Lord's presence or when someone had shared the Gospel with them. The water was watering seeds planted by others. We were so blessed to be used in this way. Musicians who had laid down their instruments told us that they wanted to run home and collect them and worship with us."

A heart for worship

Kevin and Diane also minister to the musicians who play at the concerts. Kevin encourages them to feel the music and be led by the Spirit and so, on his latest live album, you can experience the miracle of the perfect endings to the songs. No one has any idea when the songs will end, including Kevin himself!

Kevin says "We want to leave a heart for worship behind us when we return to South Africa from Europe and so we are so thrilled that, after the concert in Switzerland, the two young musicians who played with me and who met for the first time at the rehearsal, have formed a band called 'Milk and Honey' and have just had their first worship concert. You can hear these talented musicians play with me on the live album".

God's plan

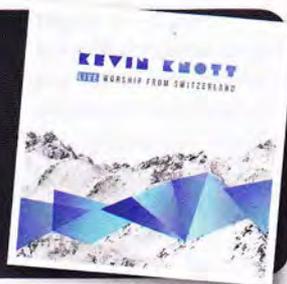
Kevin holds worship workshops both in South Africa and overseas and recently at a workshop in Florence, Italy, the worship was so spontaneous and passionate that the police arrived to find out if everything was

Hosting Worship concerts is a new and exciting journey for Kevin as God has taken him on a deeper road and the water is flowing.

okay! They definitely 'raised the sounds of joy' in that city!

This is a new and exciting journey for Kevin as he had always refused to do concerts, saying 'he doesn't entertain' but God has taken him on a deeper road and the water is flowing. ■

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