

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - September, 2021**  
**WAKE UP AND...HEAR THE MUSIC**

Jon Buller, the executive director of Hear the Music Ministries, also a Juno-nominated recording artist is celebrating the release of his first full-length recording project since 2009. And the wait will have been worth it! It is actually the first of two projects to be released from Buller in the coming year. COME AWAKE includes 9 songs, all recorded at the new FARMHOUSE MUSIC studio; a fantastically equipped recording studio nestled on a farm in the hills of Vernon, BC. DIFFERENT NOW is the second project due out in 2022. Some might ask, why the long wait?

*“For about 12 years I had the privilege of being the worship pastor at a church in Vernon, BC that loved to sing. I discovered within myself a heart that loved to pastor people, and I joyfully embraced that. Although I released only 2 full-length recording projects in that time, virtually 52 weekends a year I was arranging, selecting, or writing new music. The result now is more songs and arrangements than I really know what to do with!” JB*

**COME AWAKE** is a collection of 9 songs, 7 of which are the ones that kept coming back around on weekends, having stood the test of time and been rearranged, often each time by Buller. All of them are unmistakably made his own, with his unique melodic choices, and what he sometimes calls ‘special sauce’. COME AWAKE also includes two new originals written by Buller as a response to the many challenges of our day including political tensions, a long-overdue reckoning with racial injustice and a world-wide pandemic.

*“‘THANKFUL and BLESSED’ are 2 songs that I re-discovered while listening through my songwriting idea archives, on cassette if you can believe it! I can honestly say I don’t remember recording either of those ideas, more than 20 years ago now. Note to all you song writers out there, archive your ideas all the time...I’m thankful I did. Those ideas were the seeds I needed to help me realize I might have something to say again.” JB*

So what is it that Buller is trying to say? The song THANKFUL is very simply an invitation to acknowledge a Creator that also loves the world despite the circumstances, and be thankful in the midst of it. BLESSED is a theology of suffering from the Sermon on the Mount in about 4 minutes flat, and that’s not easy to achieve and still come out smiling. You’ll have to listen to decide if that’s actually true.

*“I would say this is a WORSHIP recording in essence, not so much in genre. There’s lots that falls into the category of ‘worship music’, but not all of it is like this, meant to help you take a long deep breath and be awakened to a sense of peace, rest, hope, or thankfulness. These are all things I’d say we could use more of these days.” JB*

Like the painting on the cover, COME AWAKE is filled with symbolism. A line of poetry, like the strokes of a brush. The layering of vocal harmonies, like the combinations of colours and textures on a canvas. Music lovers of all ages and stages will finally get a chance to hear these lovingly crafted and richly recorded songs single by single online by following and streaming Bullers’ music on iTunes, Spotify, and everywhere else online. If you don’t want to wait, head on over to [Kickstarter.com/JonBuller](https://www.kickstarter.com/JonBuller) where you can support the release and get the full project in both digital and Cd format as soon as it’s released along with many more rewards.

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