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SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA - Multi instrumentalist and award-winning Bay Area musical artist Megan Schoenbohm, is an earthy, edgy, free-spirited songbird, bringing the full musical experience to audiences of all ages throughout her engaging and charming performances. After celebrating the success of award-winning albums *Bubba* + *Boo* and *You Are Enough*, Megan returns with the release of her newest album, *The Light*.

The Light is an all original indie-style family album that speaks directly to the children, and the children inside all of us.

9 original songs written during a pandemic, when the only thing certain in our lives was uncertainty. Friends and families separated; schools closed; living behind masks. An unprecedented time for all. The songs featured on *The Light* were inspired by world events, song requests made by followers during virtual livestream performances, and silver linings that emerged during a time of challenge.

Similar to her previous 2 albums, Megan recorded and edited all of the instrumental tracks. This time, however, Megan also took on the task of post-production; independently studying the art of mixing and mastering during shelter-in-place, and putting these newly acquired skills to work with *The Light*.

The album begins with the song *Special;* a melodious, hand-clapping opener with a message to a child, a friend, or anyone close that no matter where they go or what they do, they will always be special. Lyrically offering a wish of "may you always be thoughtful. May you always be kind. May you always be grateful, with a compassionate mind".

The song is followed by *Friendship Party*, an upbeat folk-style song featuring washboard + mallet percussion. The lyrics paint a scene of gathering friends together, simply for the reason that "spreading joy and love is fun to do". Woven into the verse lyrics is a recipe of kindness and gratitude.

Fan favorite *Out Beyond* takes the listener on a journey into outer space to learn about the various planets, and to observe all the unique things they see. This song was inspired by requests made during a virtual livestream. The families wanted a space song, so Megan wrote one.

*Together* is a song that acknowledges how many of us were separated from our loved ones, during the pandemic. It offers a comforting message that we are not alone; that we are in this together. "Even though we're far apart, I've saved a space here in my heart - there's a seat for you."

A showtunesque tune with a nice swing, *Give Myself A Hug,* is a song written with the intention to promote self-love and compassion during times of sadness or heartache. It encourages the listener to "reach out wide and give yourself a hug" when feeling lonely and in need.

A moving 6/8 title track *The Light* is a call to all listeners to turn their awareness inward to their personal light within. The lyrics ask everyone to put on their superhero capes to share their own magic. "When the world is hurting, we must do our part. When there's love, there's learning. So open your heart and shine... your beautiful beautiful light." It features a tightly woven fabric of harmonies that pull at the heart strings.

*Mama Earth* is a soulful pop song written for Earth Day, and asks questions that bring awareness to the essential elements and creatures of the earth. "Did you ever wonder how to give thanks to the bees?" It calls on everyone, to love their "Mama Earth"; bringer of love and light while "spinning 'round the sun".

The sweet shuffle of *Just the Way You Are* is an ode to someone near + dear to the heart. It speaks of appreciating and caring for someone exactly as they are. It offers us a moment to reflect on the different relationships in our lives that bring out the purest heart opening love and joy.

Dreamy final track *Okay* was the first song written from this collection, on the eve of the first shelter-in-place in March 2020. It was intended to be written to a parent through the eyes of a child facing their entire world changing before their eyes. "When I don't understand why, you come to me and say: 'hey... it's gonna be okay... we'll find a way... oh, come what may...".

The album *The Light* is jam packed with messages of self-awareness, kindness, love, social responsibility and humanity, conveyed in a manner that children and children-at-heart can appreciate.

Megan invites us to soak in the music, the messages and enjoy the moment; particularly our own unique light - our own magic that we can lovingly contribute to the collective. Megan adds, "this album was born from a time of challenge and deep introspection. A time when we were all forced to face our shadows, but also continue to show up in the world in an entirely new way... distance learning, homeschooling, virtual live-streaming, and not really knowing if and when things would return to normal, or even a 'new normal'. My hope is that listeners of all ages will hear a song, or a lyric or perhaps even the melody, and be moved or inspired in some way. If one person hears the music and suddenly feels the calling to put on their own superhero cape and shine their magical light a little bolder, a little brighter, in the world, then I feel the music will have fulfilled the intention".