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?Is That Enough

Singers Nikita and Sakai are members of the Grammy award winning band Train. Individually they have respective solo recording careers and collectively they are known as the dynamic singing duo “Les Femmes Fatales.” They are also songwriters. At the height of the Coronavirus pandemic, they joined forces with their writing partner, Darkside, to write and produce the song “?Is That Enough?” to channel their fears and exasperations regarding the state of the world. According to Darkside, “We had over 60 people join us on this project, which was very empowering. We feel sure, the song that emerged will very likely magnify our cries of frustration and will be the inspiration that will spark a renewed awareness and much needed empathy.”

Nikita reflects, “We decided to invite our friends to collaborate on the song. The response was overwhelming, most everyone we asked made the time to lend their talents. From lead singer Pat Monahan and every musician in our band, Train, to Grammy award winner Narada Michael Walden, to Grammy award nominee Maxine Jones formerly of En Vogue to countless singers and musicians you have heard on many hit records and in concerts around the world.”

Sakai adds, “This project has become our anthem... and will be for many around the world. We are grateful for everyone in our music community who said ‘yes’.”

The origin of the song came quite unexpectedly. One evening in May, as Nikita watched a CNN report about the number of people dying due to the pandemic, she was left sad and frustrated. “I felt that COVID-19 was not being taken seriously. It was beyond me as to why people would not wear a mask and practice social distancing,” she says.

As she got up from the sofa, a string of words came to her, she stood still singing, “It’s not enough to live, it’s not enough to cry, so we stand up and fight for our life.” To her surprise, more words continued to flow, a song was forming.

She saved the lyrics in her iPad and immediately reached out to Sakai. “Sakai is as passionate as I am, I knew she would want to write a song that would resonate in the souls of people. I wanted her to be a part of this song, to deliver a powerful message that I believe was God sent,” Nikita recalls.

Nikita and Sakai settled on the lyrics and worked out a vocal melody. It was at that point Darkside called upon longtime collaborator Paisley Hinton, a talented pianist & composer, to enrich the musical arrangements. It was now time to reach out to their musical community. Nikita admits, “We were not expecting everyone we called to say yes or to even be available, but we were hopeful! To our surprise over 60 singers, musicians and children agreed to unite with us in song.” With a sparkle in her eyes and a huge smile, she says, “It was amazing.”



The song's message was powerful and clear, yet Darkside felt that it could be more reflective. He says, "The original title was 'It's not Enough', I proposed a pivot to '?Is that enough'. My thought was putting a self-reflective element in the title, subtly added the aspect of accountability. Meaning, if everyone is compassionate, if everyone is kind, if everyone is understanding, if everyone is loving, this world can be better."

Sakai adds, "We started writing this when COVID -19 was on the rise and our health care system was completely taxed. As we proceeded with the project, we found the song to be relevant in regards to other national issues such as social injustice and natural disasters resulting from climate change. People need to know there is hope. Together, we are the solution for a better life and a better world. '?Is That Enough' encourages people to love deeper, to take action and not give up."

Darkside now had the task of orchestrating the technical workflow that would allow everyone to participate. He says, "Remember this was at the height of the pandemic and there was a mandatory shelter in place directive so collaboration had to be remote. It was incredible, some performers had access to a professional studio, others a home studio, some used cell phones and others used a tablet to record. We were able to accommodate everyone. We leveraged the magic of the cloud, the Internet and used a strong file management system to collect everyone's digital files".

This collection of talented writers, singers, producers and musicians all worked in harmony to create a unified voice, asking "'Is That Enough". Their hope is that a note, a cord, a string of words or maybe a voice will fall fresh upon people, stimulating the reaction, "No! *It's* not enough! Not enough has not been done as over 200,000 coronavirus deaths is evidence, and systemic racial injustice is still tolerated. We have the power to end the pain and suffering of so many."

Again, the question is, "'Is That Enough" Nikita, Sakai and Darkside believe we all know the answer.

"'Is That Enough" is available to stream on all music platforms under Les Femmes Fatales, featuring Nikita Germaine, Sakai and friends.

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