

If you watch the Super Bowl, you've heard him. If you have a passion for independent feature films, you've heard him. The media have begun to make the inevitable comparisons: Elton John, Billy Joel, Van Morrison, even Ray Charles. But moments later, his voice and his style let you know that this is a "one-and-only."



# John McAndrew

Recent performances include:

NATO 50th Anniversary

Elizabeth Taylor's  
Whitman-Walker AIDS  
Clinic fundraiser

Independent feature film  
"Leaving With Love"

Special Olympics Gala

John McAndrew is a storyteller. He draws pictures on water like an ancient calligrapher. The lyrics float up and into your musical psyche. Describe him as Paul Simon with a smidgen of Harry Chapin and a dollop of Jimmy Webb. His music is revealing. It lays bare the soul. It speaks to a time that was and to what might be.

If you call him a piano player--you'd be absolutely correct--in part. If you call him a singer that'd be right on target, too. John McAndrew is a piano player. He's a singer. And, to complete the picture--throw in songwriter. It's that unique combination that makes John's music work for him. "I want to make sense of the things I feel. I try to tell stories...say important things and make them easy to understand...lyrics are power," says McAndrew.

McAndrew is an observer of life--moved to sketch songs about things he feels. On a visit to the Civil Rights Institute and the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, John was moved to tell the story of an era: of four young girls who died in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church on Sunday morning, September 15, 1963, of Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream, and of the hope for a future we can build together. Birmingham, which captures the essence of that era, has been adopted by the Civil Rights Institute and the Birmingham Visitors' and Convention Bureau.

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THIS LITTLE TOWN