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Kristoffer Gildenlöw goes wild with Baby Elephant Song!

Multi-instrumental, Kristoffer Gildenlöw, presents his new single, **Pass The Torch**, a song written for the #BabyElephantSong event. *Gildenlöw is best known for his eleven year career as bass guitarist for worldrenowned Swedish band, Pain of Salvation*. Inspiration to write a song on behalf of baby elephants came after being touched by a video he had seen from <u>David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust</u> (DSWT), located in Kenya. DSWT is a non-profit organization with a mission to save orphaned elephants and rhinos whose parents have been killed by poachers and trophy hunters.

In Gildenlöw's first reaction to the video, he admits, 'what I'd LOVE to do, is get on the next flight down there, play Tarzan and chase the poachers away and then cuddle with these beautiful animals until they feel good enough to reclaim their life in the wild.' Fueled with passion, Gidenlöw called on musician friends who added their unique talents to the mix of this sensational song. Alongside many notable Dutch talents, there were guest musicians from Sweden and the UK. The total line up is impressive: Kristoffer Gildenlöw-Piano, Electric Piano, Organ, Bass Guitar, Vocals; Guest musicians: Collin Leijenaar (*Dilemma / Neal Morse*)–drums; Maaike Peterse (*Kingfisher Sky / Kovacs*)–Cello; Anne Bakker–Musical Saw; Victoria Rule–Trumpet; Rupert Whitehead–Trombone; Ray Hearne (*HAKEN*)–Tuba; Stephanie Tepper-Flute and Piccolo. Guest Vocalists: Johan Hallgren (ex. Pain of Salvation); Taloch Tony Jameson (*The Dolmen*); Maria Catharina (*Aniday/Epic Rock Choir*); Youth Choir: students of Wateringse Veld College, The Hague. **Pass The Torch** was: written, composed, arranged, produced, mixed and mastered by Kristoffer Gildenlöw. **Pass The Torch** will not be on his next album, but will be an exclusive song for this project only. Gidenlöw will donate all profits from **Pass The Torch** to DSWT.

How can you help? A minimum fostering fee for an elephant at DSWT is €42, but this very special song created by Gildenlöw allows people to donate as little as €1. With each donation, **Pass The Torch** will be available for download; €5 donations also receive Africa Bush Creatures Safari Facts From A-Z, an animal book donated by local author; K. J. Keller. Gildenlöw's original fund raising event took place in December-2014, and the end result was a donation to DSWT for nearly €3,000. It should be noted that a substantial amount of awareness and money was obtained by International Baccalaureate English Students of Wateringse Veld College, The Hague; within the timeframe of four weeks, the students had collected over €1,100. Gildenlöw's vision for the song included young voices for the choir, so these hard working students were also recorded for the song.

Now that supporters of the original fund-raising event have their pre-release copy of **Pass The Torch**, it can be shared worldwide, beginning here in the Netherlands, home to Kristoffer Gildenlöw and several guest musicians.

Get your copy of **Pass The Torch** and help DSWT via PayPal: <u>contact@kristoffergildenlow.com</u>. For credit cards use donation button on: <u>www.kristoffergildenlow.com</u>

About The Artist: In 2003 Gildenlöw left his homeland of Sweden, as well as world tours with PoS, to reside in the Netherlands. Gildenlöw's solo career took flight with 2013 release of his debut album, RUST. He has been working as a session musician since 2005, recording and touring with bands and artists such as: Neal Morse (US), Lana Lane (US), DIAL (NL), For All We Know (NL), Omnia (NL/UK), Harmony (S), Bert Heerink (NL), The Shadow Theory (A/NL/D/GB/GR), 11'th Hour (NL), Epysode (BE), Robby Valentine (NL), and more.

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