

# BIOGRAPHY

## thurane “Worthy”



Co-founder of Phoenix based Christian rock band New Jerusalem & adult contemporary Christian duo Kenyon Grey, thurane is a Christian Worship Leader & singer-songwriter. His music ministry is an outreach for expressing the love of God and reaching the church and unchurched.

thurane's father was a Burmese immigrant and his mother was of German-Irish descent. Receiving a soloist award at the Arizona State jazz competition, he showed promise early on as an accomplished musician and guitarist. Moving from jazz, hard rock and metal guitar influences to rockabilly, thurane recorded with rockabilly artists Tim Evans and Elgin MacMillan.

Playing guitar with Seeds of Salvation (SOS) and His Destiny ministries, thurane also helped complete the Douglas Scott Doiron "Winds of Change" EP. During that time thurane secured his first publishing contracts for "All My Heart" and "Living In the Light".

After returning to secular music for a brief time, thurane played guitar with local Arizona rock legend Michael Nitro. They opened for notable artists Gin Blossoms, Rick Springfield and Gerry Riopelle. An appearance at the 98 KUPD radio station event "U-Fest" in Arizona was featured at the famous Compton Terrace outdoor arena.

thurane established New Jerusalem with Randall James Householder as vocalist. After releasing the EP "Foundation" and independent CD "New Jerusalem", he signed their first record deal with Gray Dot/Bulletproof Music. Their song "Take Me Home" is included in the movie "What We Did That Night", published by Warner/Tamerlane. "Con Express" features NJ song "Final Stand". New Jerusalem is unique in that a special NJ trading card from the Cactus Game Design game Redemption is featured exclusively in the New Jerusalem CD; and NJ music is included in the game Saints of Virtue and snowboarding disc "Virtual Snowboarding".

Moving into Adult Contemporary, Inspirational and Praise & Worship music, thurane formed Kenyon Grey with Kenn Long (from Phoenix group Destiny). They signed a deal with RCM Records. The first Kenyon Grey single "Heaven In Your Eyes" charted in the top 100 at the CCMA.

After marrying and becoming a stepfather, thurane felt led by God to establish a Worship music Ministry. 3 singles, "Over & Under", "You Gave Me (the ANSWER)" and "Worthy" have been released, with a fourth single and E.P. "Authentic Worship" on the horizon. A full length album is planned for late 2019, to be entitled "Worship Servant. Currently, thurane is also the Worship Arts Director at SCWCC.

thurane lives with wife Renada and stepson Torrey in Youngtown, Arizona. He loves spending time with his wife and stepson, watching movies, working out and helping care for his mother-in-law. He also likes to spend time in prayer and worship with an appreciation of art and music.