



# KINGQUEEN "BURN THIS MOTH A"

When lightning strikes and is effectively bottled, it creates a special kind of magic that can cause the world to take notice. For KingQueen, such is the story behind their protest anthem "Burn This Motha" - out December 9, 2022. The five-piece Los Angeles LGBTQIA+ pop rock group wrote the single together, going on to perform it to thousands of people at San Francisco Pride just days after the US Supreme Court took away the Constitutional Right to Abortion. KingQueen knew they had to record the track, placing it in the hands of producer Kevin McCombs (Papa Roach). Sabrina Petrini is the founding vocalist for the project, with members Adam Gimenez on guitar, Brandon Valerino on keytar, Jake Absher on drums, and Ella G. Burgos on bass. The name KingQueen came from performing alongside drag queens, and while they call each other "queens" the singer said she didn't feel like a king or queen. One of the drag queens responded, "No, you're a KingQueen," and it stuck.

"This song feels like an evolution for us," singer Sabrina says. "It's very simple, straightforward, raw and honest. No holding back. We love what we do and we genuinely care about people and our community. KingQueen is all about identity and finding a place you can call home. We aren't a political band but we're also not going to stay quiet when human rights are being taken away! This is about equal rights, trans rights, and being pro-choice."

When award-winning filmmaker K. Rocco Shields (*Love is All You Need?*) came on board as a director and producer with her production company Genius Produced, KingQueen knew they really had tapped into something special. The group assembled a crew of supporters and shot a captivating music video that simultaneously captures the caring spirit of the band and the urgent message of the song.

"Rocco Shields was so amazing to work with," member Brandon Valerino says. "She had a perfect balance of creative ideas and clear communication. She was truly invested in making the video. She told us she doesn't normally get to do creative projects like this so it was a lot of fun for her, too."

"Burn This Motha" is the first single from the group's forthcoming EP due out early next year.

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