

OFFICIAL ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

The Higher Desires

The Higher Desires is an independent music project from the Pacific Northwest led by songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, producer, and engineer William Walbaum. The music is released through Def Garage Records and reflects a broad love of rock and roll, hip-hop rhythm, melodic storytelling, and original expression.

Walbaum writes, performs, records, and produces the music with a hands-on approach. The project moves between rap-metal, grunge rock, folk rock, blues rock, and country rock rather than committing to one genre. Guitar-driven songs with rhythmic vocals sit alongside acoustic reflections, dance-ready grooves, and spirited country rock.

The early catalog includes Generation Me (and its separate Radio Edit), I Know Right, Unknown Soldiers (Veterans Edition), and The Children. Clouds Roll By, dated November 13, 2026, adds a driving blues-rock feel built around a fleeting connection on the dance floor. Yahoo, dated November 30, 2026, brings a lively country-rock energy and a three-piece musical character.

Giving back is a central part of the work. Royalties from Unknown Soldiers (Veterans Edition) are pledged to veterans' charities for life, and royalties from The Children are dedicated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for life. Walbaum has also explored music and commentary in the satirical hip-hop freestyle 50 Billion Dollars, whose royalties are dedicated to veterans' mental-health charities for life.

The Higher Desires is defined by independence, original songwriting, and a desire to share ideas as well as sounds. Its signature line captures both its roots and its musical character: "Feel the northwest sound around the rocks rollin' underground".

ARTIST FACTS

Artist: The Higher Desires
Creator: William Walbaum
Label: Def Garage Records
Publisher: Def Garage Publishing
Location: Pacific Northwest, United States
Genres: Rap-metal, grunge rock, folk rock, blues rock, country rock

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