

NEW DIGITAL SINGLE RELEASE TO RADIO APRIL 1, 2023



THE SCOOCHEs

STOP THIS CLIMATE CHANGE

Digital Release to Radio: April 1, 2023

Arranged/produced by: Nick Russo, Betina Hershey, Len Monachello

Label: On the Bol Records

Available on DSPs **April 21**: Apple Music, Amazon, Spotify, Pandora, Bandcamp, etc.

“Americana music at its **purest and most impressive**”

- *No Depression*

The Scooches (formerly Banjo Nickaru & Western Scooches) urgent new single "**Stop This Climate Change**" arrives digitally April 1st for Earth Day programming in advance of their third LP 'LIFT YOU UP'.

Preview "**Stop This Climate Change**": <https://soundcloud.com/thescooches/stop-this-climate-change>

Downloads (MP3, WAV, One sheet, lyrics, artwork): tiny.cc/Dropbox_Climate_Scooches

Or Airplay Direct: <https://airplaydirect.com/thescooches>

"**Stop This Climate Change**" is a poetic and uplifting call to action fraught with cataclysmic imagery of fire, ice, flooding, and the desire for change. The lyric "We've got to stop *this* climate *and* change" refers to the climate of helplessness and denial that surrounds climate change. Vocalist/composer/lyricist/performer **Betina Hershey** wrote the song about interpersonal relationships with each other, but also with Mother Earth, because, collectively, *the* human race must stop denying climate change. Featuring a stately co-lead vocal by the gifted **Miles Griffith**, and spiritually-elevated musicianship by multi-instrumentalist **Nick Russo**, the excursion concludes with a passage of thought-provoking spoken word by rapper **Ra\$h Ca\$h** as a hypnotic Indian-influenced outro propelled by **Aditya Phatak** (tabla), **Mamadou Ba** (bass), and **Harvey Wirht** (drums) carries strength to the promised land. The uplifting vocals, harmonies, rhythms, instruments, and visceral message combine into a bold, and jubilant, declaration of unity. Climate change is not irreversible. Together, we can, *and will*, make a difference.

“Our goal for this song is to inspire people to roll up their sleeves and take action. The purple hands on our album cover symbolize the magic that comes with hard work! We recycle, compost, use compostable garbage bags, and bike or walk whenever we can. We can't afford to deny our impact on the Earth. Let's come together and truly believe we can create positive change,” says Hershey.

A portion of the proceeds generated from the single will benefit the [Sierra Club](#), the most enduring and influential grassroots environmental organization in the U.S., one whose purpose is to defend everyone's right to a healthy world.

The forthcoming album, *LIFT YOU UP*, combines the rich cultural influences of the Caribbean, Suriname, Gullah, and North America to create an immersive experience that artfully exemplifies a diversity of sound, culture, and community. Scooch on over and help stop this climate change!

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On the other side: **featured players, lyrics and track details.**

TRACK DETAILS

Track time: 4:47 ISRC Code: QZXRQ2300003 ***Socially conscious track - FCC Friendly. Label: On the Bol

"Stop This Climate Change"

lyrics/music - Betina Hershey, music - Nick Russo

There's fire in the haystacks, ice deep in your eyes
Flooding in the gutters, and a hailstorm full of lies
Burning in the village, oil slicks in the bay
Storms in ev'ry corner, and no safe place to stay

CHORUS

Though it feels so strange
We gotta Stop This Climate Change
We gotta Stop This Climate *and* Change
We gotta Stop This Climate Change

We've fallen in the ashes, breathed that choking air
Tried to find the living, but death was waiting there
I've been to the graveyard, seen those ghosts escape
Scrambling for the mountains, in the avalanche we made
CHORUS

Change the climate, change who we are
Why deny it? We've gone too far
No more blinders or sacrificed lambs
Lend a shoulder. Toughen our hands

(Instrumental)

Well there's fire in the haystacks, ice deep in your eyes
Flooding in the gutters, and a hailstorm full of lies

Burning in the village, oil slicks in the bay
Storms in ev'ry corner, and no safe place to stay
CHORUS

Make a change, make a change

Spoken Word - Rashaan I.A. Salaam (Ra\$h Ca\$h)

We gotta make a change before we wash away
We all gone turn into dust if we don't change our ways
No love it's only lust and these killings
The lord give me strength to take care of these villains
And most importantly please watch out for ya children
You start em up young teach them how to make a
difference
The kids are the future, the planet's karma sutra
Instead of doing right you doing whatever suits ya
But imma suit up and hit the front lines
I'm earth's soldier - I heard it from the grape vines
But keep it real and understand it's gone take time
I FaceTime with God so I don't face crime
Get it?
If you don't please do not sweat it
My versus like them scriptures from the man up in heaven
And best believe we bout to fix the earth - hope the people
get this message
We bout to fix the climate - everything perfect timing
Brighter than the sun that shine right in July
And the solstice just passed best believe I'm aligned
With the universe giving me answers, giving me guidance

Who's Who On This Recording

Aditya Phatak, tabla
Betina Hershey, vocals, guitar, lyrics, composition
Harvey Wirht, drums
Mamadou Ba, bass
Miles Griffith, lead vocals

Nick Russo (Banjo Nickaru), guitar, composition, music
director, producer
Rashaan I.A. Salaam (Ra\$h Ca\$h), spoken word
Recorded at Soundtronics in NYC
Sound engineer & co-producer, Len Monachello

Led by NYC based Betina Hershey & multi-instrumentalist Nick Russo, The Scooches feature standout musicians from New York, Senegal, Suriname, Mexico and Sapelo Island. Over the past 7 years, the group has performed at storied events/venues including Club Passim, Isis Music Hall, Blue Plate Special, WFUV, John Platt's "On Your Radar," Folk Alliance International, Kansas City Folk Festival, and around the world. Band members have performed with artists such as Paul McCartney, Jon Batiste, Paul Simon, Samir Chatterjee, Deep Singh, Zeb Bangash, Harry Belafonte, Julia Roberts and Wynton Marsalis and appear in films such as Disney's *Enchanted*, *Mona Lisa Smile*, *Away We Go* and PBS Masterpiece, "The Chaperone."

VERY NEXT THING #6 Album - International Folk DJ Chart (Sept 2016)

GET US OUT OF FEARLAND #2 Album - International Folk DJ Chart (April 2018)



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