



A teacher's passion. A musician's voice. A family's journey.

WHEN IT BREAKS

May 4th release date set for new documentary about teacher-turned-musician's journey to explore the Teacher Burnout Epidemic.

Coinciding with Teacher Appreciation Week, [When It Breaks](#) will be released digitally for sales and rental via its [Reelhouse site](#) on May 4th, 2020. The film follows teacher/musician Konrad Wert as he leaves his special education classroom in Texas to tour the country with his wife and two children. Performing roots music under his stage name, [Possessed by Paul James](#), he talks with teachers, parents and audiences about the teacher crisis in public, and specifically, special education.

In the tradition of folksingers such as Woody Guthrie, Konrad believes that music can be a catalyst for change and uses his live shows to foster deep conversations about special education and the challenges teachers and families are facing. As opportunities arise with Konrad's music, he must decide how his service is most effective- as an advocating artist or as a teacher in the classroom.

The film is directed by award-winning filmmaker Todd Tue.



Pre-Order at Discount- April 1st to May 1st
Digital Release for Sales & Rental- May 4th, 2020
When It Breaks (www.whenitbreaks.com)

“An energetic and intimate portrait of a man & his family working toward something higher than themselves, When It Breaks is a must-see film.”

- Third Coast Review

“When It Breaks is an honest, warm, and emotional documentary. Konrad’s heart for those with special needs is inspiring. You can’t help but want to reach out to your local schools & non-profits.”

- Katie Dockery, VP Northern CO

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“With...Tue’s masterful ability to quietly capture it all, we are given a film that is intimate and observant without becoming intrusive or clinical.

- Third Coast Review

“I drove 5 hours to see it & it was worth the trip. An inspiring, intriguing, hilarious, & intimate look into a truly selfless individual & mission.”

- Wade Forester, screening attendee

Konrad Wert (Subject): He was born and raised in the Mennonite church in the small but ethnically diverse town of Immokalee, Florida. Even after breaking from the church, Konrad has held strong to the belief of living a life of service. Since finishing college, he became a teacher often working with children that have profound special needs. He was awarded Teacher of the Year for his district in 2012. But Konrad is also an accomplished musician who performs as [Possessed by Paul James](#). In 2014, he was cited by New York Times’ pop music critic Jon Caramanica for performing one of [the year’s top 10 concerts](#), along with Beyonce & Jay Z. Konrad released a new album as Possessed by Paul James in Jan. 2020 which charted on both Billboard’s Bluegrass/Country and The Americana Music Association.

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