

# The Real Housewives of New York City's Simon van Kempen to Release Debut Single



As if *The Real Housewives of New York City* doesn't provide enough entertainment already, now one of the reality show's main men, Simon van Kempen, is busting onto the music scene with a pop and dance track called "I Am Real." The single, to be released today at 11 p.m. EST on Bravo TV's *Watch What Happens: Live*, takes an ironic look at the reality star and others from *The Real Housewives of New York*.

Produced by JSM Music in New York City, the track was specifically written about van Kempen's experience on the hit show and is the first of its kind, according to a press release. "Not many people know this, but I spent my childhood and early 20's studying and performing as a musician. Music

has been a huge part of my life, and although I never thought of myself as a singer, I was thrilled and a little nervous when Joel Simon and JSM approached me with idea of creating a song,” said the star. “More than anything, I wanted the track to be fun, irreverent and to talk about my real experience on the ‘Real Housewives of New York City.’”

Van Kempen, who was born in Brisbane, Australia and also grew up in New South Wales, moved to London at the age of 22. He lived in London for 13 years before eventually moving back to Australia. On a business trip to New York, however, he met his future wife, Alex McCord. The duo fell in love almost immediately.

“I Am Real” will be available on CD Baby, iTunes, Amazon and other leading online music sites.

*Music credits include:*

*Record Label: JSM Music, Inc.*

*Producers: Joel Simon/Ross Hopman/Koki Saito*

*Composer: Allison Beth Simon/Jon Jason Appleton/Koki Saito*

*Executive Producers: Alex McCord and Rob Goldstone*