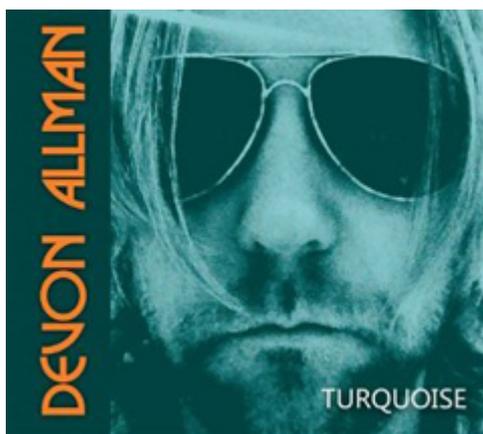


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Devon Allman - Turquoise

Devon Allman's first solo release [Devon Allman ‐ Turquoise](#), released on the [Ruf Records](#) label, features Blues, Latin Rhythms, Country Rock, and Devon's bluesy vocals with heartfelt lyrics and tight arrangements. The release contains 10 original tracks that will keep you captivated throughout.



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Devon Allman - Turquoise: *When I Left Home; Don't Set Me Free; Time Machine; Stop Draggin' My Heart Around; There's No Time; Strategy; Homesick; Into The Darkness; Key Lime Pie; Yadira's Lullaby; Turn Off The World*

Personnel: Devon Allman: Vocals, Guitars; Yonrico Scott: Drums, Percussion; Myles Weeks: Upright, Electric Bass; Luther Dickinson: Lead Guitars, Slide Guitar (1); Samantha Fish: Vocals (4), Background Vocals (2); Ron Holloway: Saxophone (8); Bobby Schneck Jr.: Lead Guitar (6); Peter Mathews: Background Vocals (2); Rueben Williams: Background Vocals (2); Adam Hill: Background Vocals (2); Rick Steff: Hammond B3 (2, 4, 5, 7)

Devon Allman - Turquoise was produced by Multi-Grammy Winner **Jim Gaines** and was released on the [Ruf Records](#) label. This marks Devon's first solo release and his fourth overall counting two releases with his band Honeytribe, and one with his band Royal Southern Brotherhood.

Turquoise contains 10 original tracks written by Devon Allman and one cover track. This is a gritty straight ahead soulful release that allows Devon to step out from his bands, Honeytribe and Royal Southern Brotherhood, and show his chops.

The release opens with the track *When I Left Home* a fresh bluesy song that tells the story of Devon's hard driving music career to date, "20 years from now I hope I'm still kicking around." The title was borrowed from the book he was reading at the time, the Buddy Guy biography "When I Left Home," and as Devon states, "Hey... steal from the best."

Don't Set Me Free, co-written with Mike Zito, opens with a raw guitar riff that sets the mode for an emotive song where Devon sings, "I only wanted you with me, Don't set me free...I hear your footsteps down the hallway, now you're walking on down the street...and you don't give a damn about me." The melody is edgy and translates nicely to the emotional tone of the song.

The release sways into the track *Time Machine*, a look back at a time of innocence and growing up. It has an arrangement that mirrors the purity of the lyrics with a straightforward blues pace and tempo coupled

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with the background ringing on the bells signifying a blameless virtue, "All aboard the Time Machine."

Devon likes to include a cover of one of his favorite artists on his releases, and on **Turquoise** he covers Tom Petty's *Stop Draggin My Heart Around*. Alongside his special guest Samantha Fish, the two lay down a striking cover, move over Tom and Stevie.

There's No Time, a change of pace with a catchy beat, sassy guitar riffs, and a pounding bass line; a nice diverge in the middle of the release. The track *Strategy* is back to Devon's roots and the blues; there is a great groove and great lyrics, "This is my strategy for love to keep you by my side, to love you and hold you 'till the end, 'till the end of time."

The acoustic track *Yadira's Lullaby* is a poignant arrangement with great guitar work that sums up an excited, quiet, passionate, and diverse Devon Allman. Other great tracks include *Homesick*, a blues track that digs into the road weary performer, *Into the Darkness*, a track written when his son was born, "Take my hand and walk into the darkness,... promise me you will never back down no matter how hard it gets," *Key Lime Pie*, a track written from every man's weakness, his stomach, he loves his Cuban girlfriend's Key Lime Pie, and the release closes with the track, *Turn Off The World*, one of those songs that comes from nowhere and at the most unlikely times, but it seals this powerful release with an exclamation point.

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