

DEREK TRUCKS

a Columbia Recording Artist, was born in Florida in 1979. A child prodigy, he began playing guitar at age 9 and at 11 was touring with a band. His uncle, Butch Trucks, was a founding member of the Allman Brothers Band, and Derek began sitting in with them even before he reached his teens. His early playing was

heavily influenced by Duane Allman: **“His tone and intensity and complete abandonment at times – he was not afraid to just hang it out there. The tone, and just his feel, I really loved.”** Derek Trucks. He was also influenced by Elmore James and Howlin' Wolf's guitarist Hurbert Sumlin. A few years later jazz musicians, especially horn players, like Miles Davis, John Coltrane, and Wayne Shorter influenced his playing and people like Sun Ra affected his approach to music. Eastern Music, especially sarod players like Ali Akbar Khan, have also influenced his slide guitar playing. Derek rejects the use of processing and effects, opting for the purer tone of a guitar connected directly to an amplifier. He modifies his tone with the controls on the guitar, and plays



without the use of a pick. His style and sound are unmistakable. His music defies labels, mixing jazz, blues, R&B and world music. Although his band has a following among the jam-band followers, Derek rejects this label:

“In a sense, it's kind of a misrepresentation of what the band is really about. The influences on this band are not the Grateful Dead and the jam bands. They are Kind of Blue, Blue Train, Giant Steps, and Speak No Evil – with Delta blues and Indian classical thrown in.” Derek Trucks

Derek joined the Allman Brothers Band in 1999, finding it impossible to say “no” to the chance to play with his childhood heroes. However, he was determined to continue charting a musical course with his own band. As a result, playing in 2 bands he performs nearly 300 times a year.

He has appeared on such television programs as Dave Letterman, Conan O'Brien, and the



Tonight Show with Jay Leno. In 2006 feature articles about Derek have appeared in national newspapers, including the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal. In October of 2005 he played a special concert with the Jacksonville Symphony



Orchestra, toured Europe and played radio concerts in the Netherlands and Germany. Derek was asked by Eric Clapton to play on his 2006 CD and Tour.



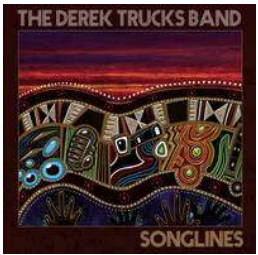
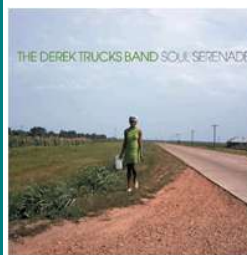
In 2001, Trucks married Grammy nominated singer/guitarist Susan Tedeschi. The couple have two children: Charles Kahlil Trucks (born 2002), and Sophia Naima Trucks (born 2004).



The Derek Trucks Band was formed in 1994, and has been Trucks' primary musical outlet ever since.

- Derek Trucks** - guitar
- Kofi Burbridge** - keyboards, flute
- Todd Smallie** - bass
- Yonrico Scott** - drums, percussion
- Mike Mattison** - lead vocals

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