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Will Turpin Entering Studio For Full-Length LP Sessions

Collective Soul co-founder gets his Way with new band, CD and tour

Atlanta, Ga. (Oct. 8, 2012) – Hot on the heels of a national tour with Collective Soul and a year after his debut solo EP, musician **Will Turpin** is headed into the studio with a new band for his first full-length CD, **Serengeti Drivers**.

Beginning Oct. 8, **Will Turpin and The Way** will enter Real 2 Reel Studios in Jonesboro, Ga., to craft their first studio effort. Co-produced by Turpin and Jonathan Beckner, the work will include almost a dozen new tunes.

"You'll hear elements of a lot of different musical influences," Turpin said. "Some Beatle-esque songs, some rockin' numbers, and some real laid back stuff. The vocal mix of the three singers will be smooth enough to savor with a glass of wine or kick up your heels with a beer."

In addition to Turpin (keyboards and vocals) the band lineup includes Jason Fowler (guitar and vocals), Mark Wilson (bass and vocals) and Scott Davidson (drums).

Some of the lyrical themes focus on love, honesty, betrayal and questions revolving around the universe. Turpin said seven of the songs were cowritten by Fowler, an Atlanta-based musician and friend.

"A lot of times I have an idea for a song that is not finished or is halfway complete and Jason is able to help me out with a riff or a vocal melody or theme," Turpin said. "Then there are times when we can create something right on the spot. We're a good team."

Turpin also received songwriting support from his wife Donna on a tune called "On And On" which was inspired by her recent cancer scare; a topic that Turpin went public with in June.

"It's a song about the strength of love and how love never really dies because it goes on and on," Turpin said. "Donna actually helped me finish the lyrics to the chorus and that was special for both of us." Other song titles include "Either Side Of The Sun", "Let It Go", "Belong", "Tomorrow", "Faith, Hope, Love", "One And Done" and "Nothing Without."

Once *Serengeti Drivers* is released in 2013, Will Turpin and The Way will embark on a tour with dates to be announced next year.



Will Turpin and The Way: Will Turpin • Jason Fowler • Mark Wilson • Scott Davidson

This holiday season, Turpin's version of "What Child Is This?" will appear on *A Rock By The Sea Christmas :: Volume Three*, a charity CD series set for release on Oct. 16. Net proceeds from the 13-song Christmas compilation will benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Program in Orlando, Fla.

Turpin's *other* group, Collective Soul, is a member of the Georgia Music Hall of Fame and has sold more than 10 million albums worldwide. Collective Soul has attained seven No. 1 songs and 19 Top 40 singles, making them one of the most successful bands of the 1990s. They are planning a 20th anniversary tour and boxed set CD package in 2014.

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