

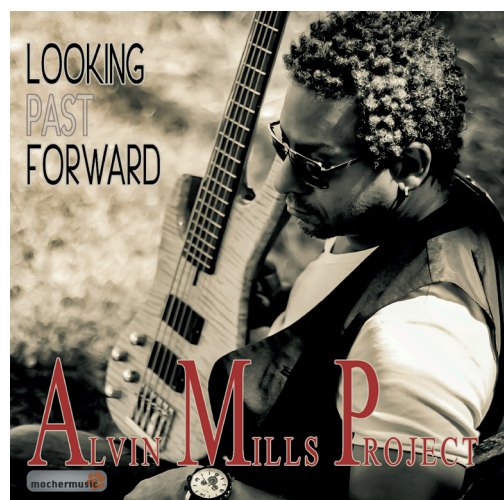
ALVIN MILLS PROJECT

## LOOKING PAST FORWARD

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### A Soul Ode To The Southern States

The programmatic album title has a deeper meaning: on his second solo CD **LOOKING PAST FORWARD** bassist Alvin Mills takes stock of his musical and personal biography. Looking back and into the future at the same time, scenes, landscapes, experiences and milestones of Mills' life take shape and pass by in twelve punchy originals. Sometimes vivacious and full of energy, sometimes reflective and thoughtful, Mills catches moods and emotions, thus presenting a very personal, intense and atmospheric album.



When asked by music journalist Scott Gross what his second album says about him as an artist or individual, Alvin Mills' response was "A progression and musical maturity."

On his previous album **KEEP YOUR HEAD TO THE SKY** (released 2010 on intergroove) allrounder Mills could already impressively show his skills as a composer, musician, producer and arranger. Now, six years later, the time had come for the sophomore album, capturing and demonstrating his further artistic development.

Born in 1968 in Fort Knox/Kentucky and raised in Selma/Alabama Alvin Mills has imbibed Blues, Gospel and Jazz from his earliest infancy just as well as Soul, Funk and Rock. Even as a young boy he played the drums in the band of his local church and was touring Alabama, Mississippi and Florida with this group. One fateful event started his career as a bass player: The band's bassist had quit before and the bandleader asked little Alvin - not really expecting anything - to sub on the bass part. To everyone's surprise Alvin could play the instrument (which he had never held in his hands before) like he had been playing bass all his life.

Mills has continued to be a multi-instrumentalist till today. On **LOOKING PAST FORWARD** you can hear Alvin not only as a bassist but also on drums and on keyboards and as a percussionist.

On this album Mills is surrounded by his own band (the Alvin Mills Project „AMP“), featuring Arno Haas on the saxophones, Rainer Scheithauer on the keys and Stephan Schuchardt on drums. The Quartet is joined by great guest musicians: Uwe Metzler on the guitar, Sevan Gökoglu on piano/keyboards and organ and US soul singers Charles Simmons, Alisia Harris und Elliot.

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## Track list

1	<b>Run and Tell That</b> <small>Written by Alvin Mills</small>	4:56
2	<b>Lakewood</b> <small>Written by Alvin Mills</small>	4:27
3	<b>Come With it</b> <small>Written by Alvin Mills</small>	4:35
4	<b>Ur Slick (But U Could Stand Some Greasin')</b> <small>Written by Alvin Mills</small>	6:05
5	<b>Beverly</b> <small>Written by Alvin Mills</small>	4:51
6	<b>Family</b> <small>Written by Alvin Mills</small>	4:45
7	<b>Redland</b> <small>Written by Alvin Mills</small>	7:09
8	<b>Something in the Milk Ain't Clean</b> <small>Written by Alvin Mills</small>	5:09
9	<b>Maggie Lee</b> <small>Written by Alvin Mills, Charles Simmons and Alisia Harris</small>	6:31
10	<b>Speakeasy</b> <small>Written by Alvin Mills</small>	6:25
11	<b>The Streets of East Selma</b> <small>Written by Alvin Mills</small>	5:50
12	<b>The Speedy Bounce</b> <small>Written by Alvin Mills</small>	5:08
<b>Total playing time</b>		<b>66:19</b>

## Lineup

### AMP (Alvin Mills Project):

Alvin Mills - basses, drums, percussion, rhodes, synths  
 Arno Haas - saxophones  
 Rainer Scheithauer - rhodes, synths, piano, moog, organ  
 Stephan Schuchardt - drums on 4, 5

### Guests:

Uwe Metzler - acoustic guitar on 7  
 Sevan Gökoglu - piano and organ solo on 8, organ on 9  
 Charles Simmons, Alisia Harris and Elliot - lead and background vocals on 9

## Artist Website & Bio

[www.alvinmills.com](http://www.alvinmills.com)

## Press Pack (zip-file) & further informations

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 Einzelhandel  
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AMP: Alvin Mills, Stephan Schuchardt, Arno Haas, Rainer Scheithauer  
 (photography by Nico Knebel)

