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BIOGRAPHY

The French Classique Country Star

Sylvain Black was born in the South of France, his family hailing from Marseille. Black moved to the United States as a teenager and quickly developed a love for Classic Country stars including Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline, Willie Nelson, and Merle Haggard. The 2018, self-produced album, ***Allez West***, is Sylvain Black's tribute to his French heritage and Classic Country music.

Sylvain Black is the first performer to translate and sing in French Classic Country songs such as: "On the Road Again (Retrouver la route); "Ring of Fire" (Le Cercle de Feu); "Ghost Riders in the Sky" (Les Cavaliers du Ciel); and "The Bottle Let Me Down (La Boutteil Ma Deçu).

"Translating these songs into French is such an honor and challenge," notes Black. "People in France have always had a fascination with American culture from the Old West to Rock 'n' Roll to cowboy movies. The stories will be familiar to people in France, but no one has ever heard these songs quite like this."

Sylvain Black produced the 2018 album, ***Allez West***, which includes French translations of hit songs by Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Patsy Cline, and Merle Haggard.

Sylvain Black recorded, ***Allez West***, in Los Angeles with the help of talented musicians such as: Blondie's Clem Burke (drums), session guitarist Tim Young (lead guitar) from the Late Late with James Corden; Australian film composer Michael Lira and Florida based bluegrass aficionado Ernie Evans (the Florida State Bluegrass Band). Los Angeles based French singer Lola G was a critical part of the album performing back up vocals as a two striking duets: the first singing the classic country duet Jackson (Biarritz) in French and the second a Patsy Cline inspired duet of the Edith Piaf classic La Vie En Rose. Lola G. also performed backing vocals and duets.

Allez West was mixed and mastered by Grammy Award-winner S. Husky Höskulds.

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