

ALICIA KEYS DEBUTS SIXTH STUDIO ALBUM *HERE*



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Keys Explores **HERE** in Special Short Film "The Gospel"— Now Available*

NEW YORK, NY, November 4, 2016 – Today, 15-time Grammy®-winning singer, songwriter, producer and philanthropist Alicia Keys, released her powerful new sixth studio album, *HERE*, on RCA Records. Offering an honest glimpse into what matters most to Keys, the artist shines a light on the sonic soulfulness and stories from New York, the city that raised her.

Urgent, intimate and musically daring, *HERE* is Keys' truth laid bare: each of the 11 tracks and 5 interludes on the album is a confession and every melody is a prayer- openly exploring the raw and powerful nature of identity, growth, possibility and her lifelong love affair with New York City. *HERE* speaks to the cultural climate of the world we live in today, drawing inspiration from her personal journey and the mood of present day society.

As an accompanying visual story to *HERE*, Keys has also released a short-film entitled "The Gospel" inspired by the genesis of songs written by Alicia Keys. The story consists of fictional vignettes depicting coming of age in New York City, confronting harsh truths about life, and exploring our universal connectedness as humans. "The Gospel" is available to be viewed at <http://smarturl.it/AKGospel>.

On *HERE*, Keys was driven to open up a dialogue around sensitive issues that aren't often spoken about but that ignite our souls. The songs on the album focus on the complexities of life, struggles that come with it, and a desire for acceptance and change. From the current single "Blended Family (What You Do For Love)" featuring A\$AP Rocky, which is inspired by Keys' own family, to the soulful track "Holy War," a battle cry, — Keys does not shy away from the realities that challenge and inspire all of us.

The majority of *HERE*'s production credits belong to a creative force Keys calls The ILLuminaries, comprised of herself; songwriter/producer Mark Batson; visionary/MC/producer Swizz Beatz; and long-time Keys songwriting collaborator Harold Lilly. Other production on the album includes Pharrell Williams and Carlo "Illangelo" Montagnese.

"*HERE* is a response to the world we live in today," says Keys. "The music on this album is a reflection of the truth I've found in myself and the conversations happening all around me. *HERE* is about exploring the good, the bad, the ugly... the shadows and the light with compassion and an open mind. I've come to realize

that in order for us to understand and accept each other, we have to recognize the complexities in ourselves and everyone around us. We have to be willing to talk about our differences and meet each challenge with love, right *HERE*."

Keys will celebrate the album release with performances including TONIGHT SHOW STARRING JIMMY FALLON on November 4th, THE VOICE on November 15th, as well as a special concert at the legendary Apollo Theater in NYC on November 5th where she will perform *HERE* in its entirety.

Under the bright lights of iconic Times Square in early October, Keys performed a historic concert that was captured by BET for a special that aired last evening, November 3rd. In front of an audience of thousands, Keys captivated midtown alongside special guests such as John Mayer, Questlove, Nas and Jay-Z, who surprised the crowd when he joined the stage for an epic performance of "Empire State of Mind." You can watch the special now at <http://www.bet.com/shows/alicia-here-in-times-square.html>.

The full track listing for *HERE* is below:

1. The Beginning (Interlude)
2. The Gospel
3. Pawn It All
4. Elaine Brown (Interlude)
5. Kill Your Mama
6. She Don't Really Care_1 Luv
7. Elevate (Interlude)
8. Illusion Of Bliss
9. Blended Family (What You Do For Love) feat. A\$AP Rocky
10. Work On It
11. Cocoa Butter (Cross & Pic Interlude)
12. Girl Can't Be Herself
13. You Glow (Interlude)
14. More Than We Know
15. Where Do We Begin Now
16. Holy War

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Spotify <http://smarturl.it/sAKHERE>

Google Play <http://smarturl.it/gAKHERE>

Amazon <http://smarturl.it/azAKHERE>

Tidal: <http://smarturl.it/tAKHERE>

For more information, details and updates, visit Alicia's social channels:

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About Alicia Keys:

Alicia Keys is a 15-time Grammy® Award-winning singer/songwriter/producer, an accomplished actress, a New York Times best-selling author, an entrepreneur and a powerful force in the world of activism. This fall Alicia joined NBC's "The Voice" for its 11th season, alongside Miley Cyrus, Adam Levine, and Blake Shelton-the 1st time the show has had two female judges at once. In 2014, Keys launched "We Are Here," a movement that empowers the global community around a host of issues and initiatives building a better world where all people are heard, respected, equal, and treated with dignity.

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