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As the voice of Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductees the [Allman Brothers Band](#), singer Gregg Allman has delved the depths of rock, blues, and soul music with a gravel-throated, whiskey-soaked voice that automatically lends a sense of emotion to any lyrics. After the death of his brother Duane in 1971, Allman has managed to keep the band going, more or less continuously, to this day in spite of internecine battles, record company woes, the ravages of drug and alcohol abuse (much of it his own), and other obstacles that would defeat a lesser artist.

In the midst of these band turmoils, Allman launched a significant solo career with 1973's acclaimed *Laid Back* album, but he wouldn't find breakthrough stardom as a solo artist until the release of 1986's *I'm No Angel*, a fine collection of soul-infused Southern rock and blues music that rode the back of the hit title track to Top 30 chart status. On December 11, 2012 our friends at MVD Entertainment will release *I'm No Angel: Live On Stage*, a ten-track concert DVD recorded at The Cannery in Allman's birthplace of Nashville, Tennessee.

Although the Reverend most likely attended this show - The Cannery was my home away from home for much of the 1980s - I can't honestly say that I remember much of the performance, so I'll look forward to watching this DVD. Judging from the setlist, which includes songs like the title track, the underrated "Just Before The Bullets Fly," and "It's Not My Cross To Bear" as well as a version of the Allman Brothers' classic "Statesboro Blues," it may well have been a real barn-burner of a show.

Allman's band at the time included seasoned blues-rock veterans like guitarist Dan Toler and his drummer brother David (both of whom would later play with the ABB) as well as a full horn section, so *I'm No Angel: Live On Stage* is pretty much a lock to be a DVD that both Gregg Allman and Allman Brothers Band fans will want, released just in time for Christmas!

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