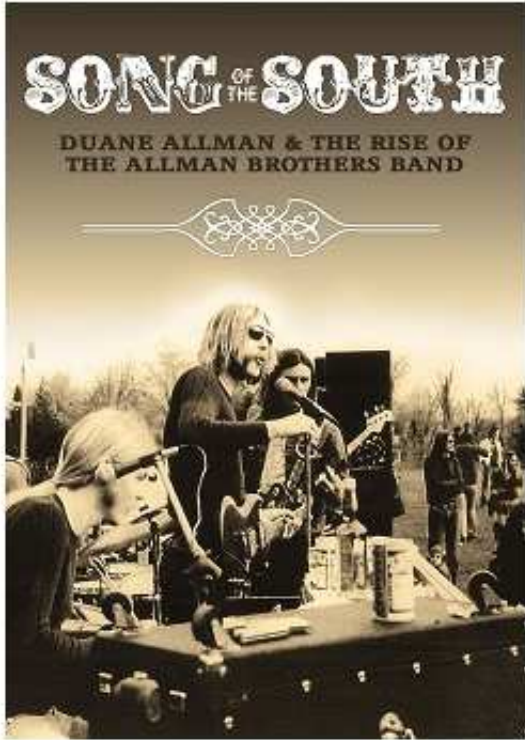


Song of the South: Duane Allman & the Rise of The Allman Brothers Band



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- In the early to mid 1970s a handful of bands from the Deep South reinvigorated American popular music by fusing blues, country and rock 'n' roll styles into a new and unique form. But the man who had sparked this renaissance and who had struggled to gain acceptance in an industry firmly established in the North and out West, was by then just a memory.
- Duane Allman, the lead guitarist and driving force behind Southern Rock pioneers The Allman Brothers Band, lived a tragically short life, but during his brief career he changed music forever.
- This film looks at Allman's life, work and musical output, from his early days in Florida to his influential session work in Muscle Shoals, his monumental collaboration with Eric Clapton in Derek & The Dominos and the inimitable virtuosity with which he set the Allman Brothers Band alight.
- Featuring contributions from; the men who forged the Allman's and the Dominos' sound, engineers & producers the Albert Brothers; Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section founding members, David Hood & Jimmy Johnson; former co-members of Duane & Greg's late 1960s group, The Hour Glass, Paul Hornsby & Pete Carr; Allman Brothers road manager between 1970 & 1975, Willie Perkins; Allman biographers, Randy Poe (Skydog) & Scott Freeman (Midnight Riders); band archivist and curator at The Allman Brothers Band Museum in Macon, GA, E.J. Devokaitis, and a host of other friends, colleagues and close at hand music writers. The film also includes rare footage of Duane and the band, exclusive and archive interviews, and numerous previously unseen photographs, many from private collections.

What We Thought:

- I found **Song of the South: Duane Allman & the Rise of The Allman Brothers Band** to be really informative.
- I like a lot of classic Southern rock like Lynyrd Skynyrd but for some reason I never got into The Allman Brothers Band. I know some of their hits, Whipping Post, Midnight Riders, etc., but I knew nothing of Duane besides his early death.
- I had no idea Duane played guitar with Eric Clapton on Derek & the Dominoes song Layla. I had no idea he was a studio musician for Aretha Franklin and other soul and R&B singers of the 1960s.
- I knew, like in the case of Skynyrd, the band suffered from two band members dying at a young age. Duane Allman was only 24 when he died in a motorcycle accident. Historically he stills goes down as a guitar god, but just imagine what he could have done with at least another decade.
- The documentary isn't officially licensed by the band, its management or anyone affiliated with their record company, but it had a lot more in it compared to some of the other rock docs I've watched of late. This had a lot of their actual music, a recording of Duane talking from 1970, music from other acts he played on and seemed quite official for an unofficial film.
- **Song of the South** is a great introduction for those (like me) who really didn't know much about the life and death of Duane Allman. Fans of the band should definitely watch it too.

Special Features:

- None

Notable Cast & Crew:

- Duane Allman
- Eric Clapton
- The Allman Brothers Band

Recommended if You Like:

- Rock Docs
- Southern Rock
- The Allman Brothers Band

Overall Picture:

Movie: **B**

Extra Features: **None**

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