

R&B and Soul Legend Alexander O'Neal Talks to Brooklands Radio!

Blessed with a great voice and still giving 100% on stage, the unbeatable R&B and soul singer Alexander O'Neal is at it again -- tapping into his soul and blues side with his first new album in 15 years and a 50 date tour in the UK, marking 30 years since the release of his almighty album Hearsay.

Ahead of his Oct . 17 performance at the Alban Arena in St Albans, O'Neal will be talking to Suzanne Hunter, Brooklands Radio's Interviewer of the Stars! So listen in on Friday Oct. 6 at 7:20 pm for this jam-packed 12 minute chat that pulls no punches! O'Neal reveals more about the explosive events in his autobiography, *All True, Man*, as well as reminiscing over highlights in a career that secured his name in the R&B history books.

Growing up fatherless in Mississippi, O'Neal faced down racial hatred with a glorious gravel voice that took him to Minneapolis and launched him among top black musicians. O'Neal made his breakthrough in the 1980s and rode a rollercoaster of highs and lows – getting signed to a band by Prince and then let go, a string of hit singles and a massive solo career, an addiction to cocaine that cost him his fortune, and violent relationships with wives and girlfriends, nine children along the way.

In the 1980s and 1990s more than a dozen of O'Neal's singles entered the Top 40 charts in the UK. O'Neal's solo hits, which often deal with lost love, include "If You Were Here Tonight", "Fake", "Criticize", "The Lovers", "(What Can I Say) To Make You Love Me", "The Christmas Song", "All True Man", "Love Makes No Sense" and "In the Middle". He's also known for duets with fellow R&B singer and Tabu labelmate Cherrelle such as "Saturday Love" and "Never Knew Love Like This".

His 1985 self-titled debut album under the production of Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis included three singles that reached the Top 20 of the R&B Singles Chart. The same year, he also scored his first R&B Top 10 single with "Saturday Love", a duet with Cherrelle from her High Priority album. The song "Saturday Love" peaked at No. 2 and also reached the Top 10 of the UK Singles Chart.

To listen live to the O'Neal interview on Friday Oct. 6 at 7.20pm, go to www.brooklandsradio.co.uk and press the listen live red button. The program will be repeated straight after transmission On Demand/Listen again Link www.mixcloud.com/suzyhunterentertainmentshow.