

# F. Stokes - 1954



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"1954" is a single from F.Stoke's upcoming album *Fearless Beauty*. The song is supposed to capture as he says the "spirit of the Negro Migration from 1940-1970."

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## F. Stokes To Perform At Montreal Jazz & Essence Music Festival



F. Stokes is touring his [Love Always](#) EP overseas and in the states. He will appear for a first time at The Montreal Jazz and Essence Music Festivals.

### F.Stokes Tour Dates:

6.25.12 – Paris, FR – L'International

6.30.12 – Amsterdam, NE – Melkweg

7.1.12 – Rotterdam, NE – Zuiderpark, Rotterdam – Metropolis Festival

7.6.12 – Montreal, Canada – Montreal Jazz Festival (with Stalley)

7.8.12 – New Orleans, LA – Essence Music Festival

7.14.12 – Minneapolis, MN – 7th Street Entry (The Tribe & Big Cats! Space Album Release Show)

7.21.12 – Wilmington, DE – World Cafe Live At The Queen  
7.25.12 – Teaneck, NJ – Mexicali Live (A Wounded Warrior Benefit)  
8.2.12 – Newark, NJ – NJPac (with Big Daddy Kane)  
8.10.12 – New York, NY – Santos Party House (Triple Fat Goose Event)  
8.24.12 – Somerset, WI – Summer Set Festival (With Nas & Black Star)

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## F. Stokes Love, Always EP Now Available European Tour Dates Announced



Stokes new EP Love, Always. is now available on Potholes Music. The 7 song EP is a collection of inspirational tunes recorded in Paris, Los Angeles, and Madison, WI. Slightly different in sound, but similar in message to the rest of his catalogue, F.Stokes content is elevated and has been described as “aspirational and optimistic.” The first single off the EP, “My Simple,” showcases F.Stokes describing his “small town in the USA.” A video for the single was directed and edited by Maria Juranic. The EP is currently streaming on [AOL](#) and available for purchase on [iTunes](#).

In support of the new EP, F.Stokes will be playing shows in Europe. While in England F. will be recording with Dan Smith of UK band Bastille (Virgin/EMI). F.Stokes was recently featured on Bastille’s new mixtape ‘Other People’s Heartache.’ After his European stint F. will be heading back to the states

to open up for hip hop legends MC Hammer and Rev Run. If you are in the New York City area, a special EP release party is in the works 4/19. Tour dates listed below.

Born and raised in the South Side of Chicago, F.Stokes has lived a life anything but simple. Transplanting to Madison, WI for his adolescent years, he has created a strong following and passion. Now residing in New York City he has learned to be appreciative of every opportunity he has earned, making the most out of all situations. His musical influences range from Patti Smith to Kanye West. Johnny Cash to Miles Davis. Gary Clark Jr. to Elvis. He views music not as an option, but as a necessity stating, "My music is how I breathe. I'm grateful, and humbled, that I make a living living out my ideas. There wasn't a definitive moment in which I decided I would dedicate my life to music, it came naturally. Birds don't learn to fly, they just do it, baby."

3.8.12 – London, United Kingdom – Yoyo at Notting Hill Arts Club

3.13.12 – Paris, France – L'International

3.15.12 – Zurich, Switzerland – Stall 6

3.16.12 – Bern, Switzerland – Rossli Bar

4.19.12 – "Love, Always." NY, EP Release Party

5.3.12 – Fullerton, CA – California State Fullerton

5.5.12 – Los Angeles, CA – Nokia Theatre L.A. Live – Opening for MC Hammer

5.18.12 – Uncasville, CT – Mohegan Sun – Opening for Rev Run

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## **F.Stokes To Release Love,**

# Always EP On 3/6 Premieres “My Simple” Video Starts Tour

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F.Stokes is releasing his *Love, Always* EP on March 3rd and he kicks off his tour on the 24th (tomorrow). His full video for “My Simple” premiered online last month. Look below for his tour dates and the track listing for the EP.

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## **Love, Always EP Track Listing**

1. Aspire, to Inspire
2. Decades
3. Blessings
4. Beauty & The Beast
5. Love Warriors
6. Jackie Bodean
7. My Simple

## **Love, Always Tour Dates**

- 1/24 – PJ&™s Lager House – Detroit, MI
- 1/25 – Pyramid Scheme – Grand Rapids, MI
- 1/26 – The Shrine – Chicago, IL
- 1/27 – Off Minor – Dubuque, IA
- 2/1 – Fine Line Music Cafe – Minneapolis, MN
- 2/2 – University of Wisconsin-La Crosse – La Crosse, WI
- 2/3 – Redstone Room – Davenport, IA
- 2/4 – BAM – Brooklyn Academy of Music – Brooklyn, NY
- 2/7 – Iowa State University – Ames, IA
- 2/8 – Coughy Haus, Beloit College – Beloit, WI
- 2/9 – What&™s Up Lounge – Mankato, MN
- 2/10 – Warehouse – La Crosse, WI

2/11 – Union South – “The Sett” – Madison, WI  
2/13 – Rock and Roll Hotel – Washington, DC\*\*  
2/15 – Union Transfer – Philadelphia, PA\*\*  
2/16 – Bowery Ballroom – New York, NY\*\*  
2/17 – Middle East Downstairs – Cambridge, MA\*\*

\*\*Opening for Doomtree