

SOLOMON

You had me at Solomon. What do you get with a string of brilliant songs and a pioneering sound? Solomon. His highly anticipated debut 8-track EP **FOR STARTERS**, released via 300 Entertainment recently dropped and is streaming across multiple platforms.

Solomon collaborated with industry heavy-hitters Trackside, Al Shux (Kendrick Lamar, SZA), Owen Cutts (Stormzy, Kojey Radical), Grades (H.E.R, Khalid, Dua Lipa) and Grammy Award winning artist, Timbaland.

Listening to **For Starters** took me to the streets of NYC, where I can envision myself strolling through the cluster of foot traffic, protecting my over-priced latte from a near fatal collision, when suddenly I stop on a corner as the exceptional sound of music flows into my ears. There is a performer carving out a tone and aesthetic all his own. A handsome 25 year old transplant from London whose voice commands all of my attention. I was not prepared for this. But all I can do is stop and listen, because Solomon's talent is beyond undeniable.

Smart and effective, **For Starters** is equal parts distinctive and tastefully steamy as it delves into the tangles of love, heartbreak, and self-discovery. Combining musical flavors of ballads and soft hip hop, **For Starters** looks, feels and sounds timeless. While empathy and regret lurk in the shadows, I appreciate how storytelling is at the center of **For Starters**. This EP has the hallmarks of a man with a need to unburden himself. With sincerity in his voice and an undercurrent of Marvin Gaye, **Do you want my love?** is a special track. There is a reason why it's first on the EP— It opens without instrumental accompaniment and Solomon's audacious vocals.

Dehydrate and **Listen Up** (the shortest track here) go hand-and-hand, while **Phases** is the wounded heart, flawed love track with lyrics bumping up the tension and featuring the stellar rap vocals of Kojey Radical. **For Starters** does more than simply recount love and any rapid downfall of it; It is a compilation of songs that will generate plenty of sparks.

With his signature guitar melody highlighted throughout, Solomon and his debut EP **For Starters** should be on everyone's radar. With an affecting dash of badassery, Solomon has an exceptional sound that will certainly fuel his career path for years to come.



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