

Whitesnake's latest project a Tahoe affair

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Whitesnake may not be the commercial juggernaut it was in the late 1980s, but the band still has legions of fans who buy albums and line up for concert dates, and singer David Coverdale is as appreciative as anyone.

"I'm sitting doing interviews with people in a year that I'm going to be 60 years old, talking about a new album and a tour," Coverdale said during a telephone interview from his Lake Tahoe home. "It's astonishing to me because when I started, the life expectancy of a commercial musician in a professional enterprise, you were lucky to do three years. It was less than a frickin' tennis player. It's almost 40 years since I joined Deep Purple. It's astonishing to me."

Coverdale, who formed Whitesnake after leaving Deep Purple in mid-'70s, has long had a home in the Lake Tahoe area. He isn't the road warrior he used to be and, in fact, considers himself semi-retired. But that hasn't stopped him from recording a new Whitesnake album, making a Tahoe-shot video for the album's first single, "Love Will Set You Free," and laying the groundwork for a world tour that kicks off in New York in early May. The album, "Forevermore," was released in late March, and Coverdale is pleased by the response from fans.

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