

Andy Stokes



THE Legendary

Over the course of more than three decades the Legendary Andy Stokes has built a strong and dedicated following throughout the United States and across the Globe. Starting out in the Pacific Northwest, his rapidly growing fan base has been created by giving fans what they want—feel-good R&B music and unforgettable live performances.

Andy's silky smooth R&B style and the gritty emotion that is unique to this legendary singer provides an eclectic, powerful, nonstop musical experience that leaves the listener breathless.

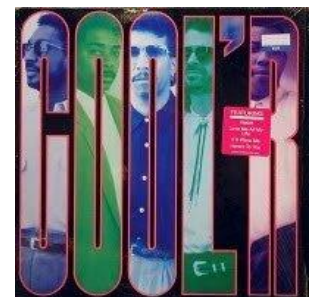
THE EARLY JOURNEY

Music wasn't the path Andy Stokes thought his life would take. "Music wasn't my first choice in life. I was a jock, a football player, and I wanted to play pro football. "

Born in Danville Virginia, Andy's "all-army jock" family moved between the US and Germany and finally settled in Tacoma Washington. A football scholarship brought him to Oregon where he was a star tailback at Mt. Hood College and the University of Oregon.

Although it wasn't a focus back then, there was plenty of music in the house. "I always sang. I sang around the house with dad—did my little broomstick thing, standing in front of the hi-fi, pretending that was my band. My dad had everybody from Percy Sledge to Stevie Wonder and I would just sing—that's how I got into singing." Later Andy entertained his college teammates "I would sing on the bus, it was a way to calm our nerves before a big game."

After football, a chance encounter at a popular nightspot in Portland led to a regular gig, which led to the offer of a position singing lead for a band. It was 1983 and that band was the legendary funk band Cool'R. Cool'R went on to be voted top R&B band with Andy as Top Male Vocalist, by The Skanner Music Awards and in 1989 they were signed, by Herb Alpert, to A&M Records. The single 'victim', written by Phil Baker (Pink Martini) and Stokes was released the same year. In 1993 Andy released a solo single entitled 'Test of Time', and his first solo CD 'About Time' was released in 1995. Followed by 'Tell me what you like' which was released in 2001 and two live CD's that were released in 2002 and 2010. Andy was also the voice of the California Raisins.



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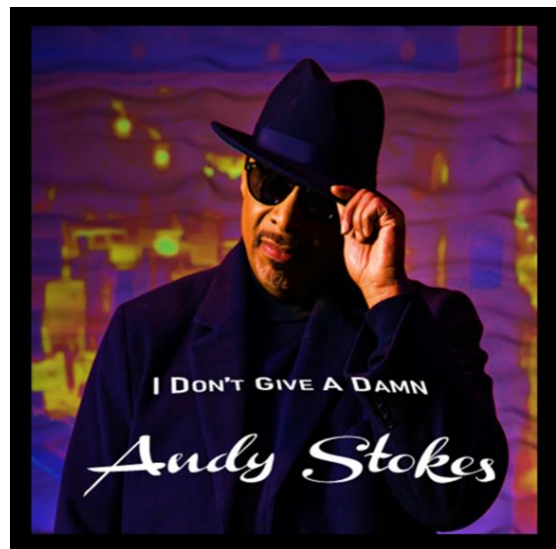
MUSIC AND AIRPLAY

In early 2018 Andy's hit song 'Best Day Ever', the first single off of the EP 'Now', blazed up the Billboard Adult R&B/ MediaBase UAC charts and stayed there for a remarkable 25 weeks. The song debuted in the top 30 on both charts, reached the top 10, and made it onto Billboard's Adult R&B Top 50 for the year. The song was in the SIRIUSXM Platinum top 20, held the #1 spot on the Official Indie Soul Charts for three consecutive weeks, locked in the #1 spot for R&B/Soul on Music Choice, reached #2 on the Amazon.com contemporary R&B bestseller list, was named the #1 Independent R&B Soul record of the year, and raced up music charts all over the globe. It remains in heavy rotation across the United States and around the World as well as being a frequent entrant on 'Top Wedding Song' lists.



Following the success of his first national release, Andy again brought his feel-good, up-beat, Northwest R&B sound into 2019 in a monumental way—this time with a touch of G-Funk. Teaming up with music icon Snoop Dogg and super-producer DJ Battlecat, 'We On Da Flo', is an impressive R&B track that does not disappoint. The song sat in the top 30 for five weeks and received universal praise from across the country and beyond.

In March of 2022, Andy's new release 'I Don't Give A Damn' is set to excel previous releases. I Don't Give A Damn is a deeply emotional ballad that highlights the vocal power of this legendary singer. In it's first week of release, it is the number one most added song (Along with Charlie Wilson) on Urban Adult-Contemporary radio in the United States and is trending on the top UK Soul Music Breaker chart.



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Discography

2016 Promise
EP Full Circle
Let's Have A Good Time

2018 Best Day Ever
EP Now
We On Da Flo

2020 Right Now

2022 I Don't Give A Damn

Andy's music is currently distributed through CD Baby and is available on all online platforms.



Off Stage and on Screen

Andy's YouTube channel contains both production videos and live performance film, as well as fan submissions. With millions of views across his channel fans can watch the progression of Andy's storied career.



The official video for 'Best Day Ever' celebrates the nature of the song—fans were asked to send in personal photos of their own best day ever and they delivered in the thousands—resulting in a beautiful tribute to joy and diversity.

The official video for 'I Don't Give A Damn' is a cinematic masterpiece that follows the story of lost love and coming to terms with mistakes.



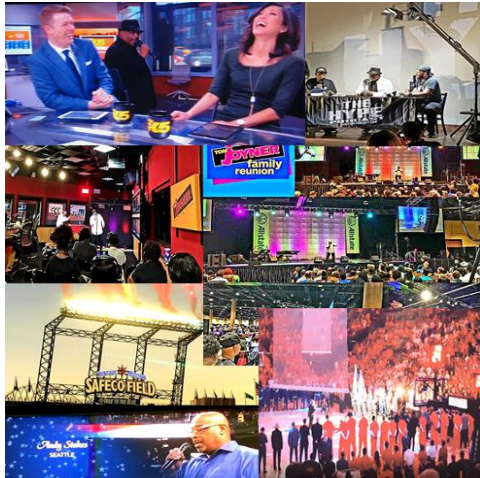
Other videos on Andy's channel include a three-part music video mini-series of songs from the EP 'Full Circle' (released in 2016). The



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mini-series was produced by the Soul Train award-winning 'This is RnB.com' in 2017.

Andy frequently makes media appearances on TV, Radio, Podcasts, and more—he is a favorite on talk shows and late night broadcasts for his fun, easy demeanor and open manner.



He is often asked to sing the national anthem at events and can be seen wowing the large crowds with his soulful rendition at many national sporting events including the MODA Center for the Portland Trail Blazers, Safeco Field for the Seattle Mariners, and Century Link Field for the Seattle Sounders.

You can also catch Andy Stokes as a recurring character on several episodes of the NBC occult detective drama 'Grimm' as well as in a recurring role in the TLC fantasy-adventure series The Librarians.



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