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Producer: Eric Matthies
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## SYNOPSIS (SHORT)

Andre Williams has recorded hit records, written hit songs and worked with legends of the industry: Berry Gordy, Ike Turner and Stevie Wonder to name just a few. Andre has also struggled throughout his life with addiction, poverty, homelessness and the legal system. Throughout his 72 years, Andre has never stopped driving his creative visions forward, regardless of cost or con-sequence. The consequences turn out to be severe as his addictive history catches up with him. His decisions become a choice between life and death.

# SYNOPSIS (LONG)

Andre Williams has written and recorded a number of landmark hit songs and has worked with legends of the industry: Berry Gordy, Ike Turner and Stevie Wonder to name just a few. Andre has also struggled throughout his life with addiction, poverty, homelessness and the legal system.

Andre says, "I'm going to show you the right way, because I've gone so many wrong ways". With this statement the man known as "Mr. Rhythm" takes us along a fascinating, funny and distressing journey.

Andre doesn't always go "the right way" and this leads to tenuous relationships with friends, family and business partners, time in jail, eviction from his "old folks home" and subsequent struggle to pay for his room at the "Hotel 6" where he lives between tours.

From March of 2006 until July of 2007, directors Tricia Todd and Eric Matthies followed the charismatic underground recording artist Andre Williams through his day-to-day existence. For Andre, this could mean rehearsing for a show in Chicago, recording with Jon Spencer in Michigan, performing for enthusiastic fans in Croatia, doing a radio interview in Serbia or marching in a Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans.

Throughout his 72 years, Andre has never stopped driving his creative visions forward, regardless of cost or consequence. The consequences turn out to be severe as Andre's addictive history catches up with him. Ultimately doing the right thing could be the choice between life and death for a musician who is perpetually on the cusp of newfound success.

Agile, Mobile, Hostile is a feature length documentary as told by Andre Williams with input from Jon Spencer, John Sinclair, Don Waller, Johnnie Bassett, Margaret Doll Rod and others. A year with Andre will leave you feeling agile, mobile and hostile.



# **Director's Bios**

Tricia Todd & Eric Matthies feature length directorial debut is "Agile, Mobile, Hostile: A Year with Andre Williams". Their short form documentary, Ayamye\* was nominated for the Social Justice Fund at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival in 2007. Currently they are in production with a feature length documentary addressing censorship. Their company, Project Lab, provides production support and resources to other documentary projects around the globe.





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Wing Ko

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Taina Guarda

Featuring:

(in order of appearance) Andre Williams

Kenn ""Skip" Goodman

Don Waller Jon Spencer Billy Miller Robert Miller John Sinclair

Margaret Gomoll (Margaret DollRod)

Johnny Bassett
Jay Johnson
Ricardo Williams
Stanley Reeves
Aleksandar Delibasik

Ryan Scully



**Band Performing** 

@ Spaceland/Alex's Bar

/Safari Sam's:

The Flash Express Brian Waters

Lance Porter Tommy Branch Eden Galindo Jimmy James Liam Philtott Luke Tierney Eric Diernforth

**Band Performing** 

@ Chicago Radio Show

& Subterranean:

Diplomats of Solid Sound David Basinger

Nathan Basinger

Jim Viner

Doug Roberson John Svec

Kenn "Skip" Goodman

**Burlesque Dancers** 

@ Subterranean: Taylor Triano Amie N. Nelson

Recording Studio Musicians

@ Key Club:

Dallas Good Dan DollRod Jon Spencer Kelly Hogan Matt Verta-Ray Michael J. Belitsky

Sally Timms Sean Dean Travis Good





Key Club Sound Engineer: Bill Skibbe

DJ @ WXLU Chicago: Melissa Suran DJ @ B92 Belgrade: Zorana Mincic

Serbia & Croatia Musicians: Arthur Kamst

Marshall Brothers

Marcel Romkes Jordy Duitscher

Kenn ""Skip"" Goodman

Dmitrovic "Pirate" Zoran Drivers:

M. Duitscher

**Detroit Musicians** 

@ The Belmont: Kenn "Skip" Goodman

> Jim Henkle David Beebe Allen Hill Chris Hughes

Josh Cohen

New Orleans Musicians @

The Bon Ton New Orleans: Morning 40 Federation

**Bailey Smith** Ryan Scully Steve Calandra Mike Andrepont Dick Hukill

New Orleans Musicians

@ One Eyed Jacks: Roberto Luti

Bill Morris DC Harbold

Coleman M. Schwartz

James Wagner Michael G. Voelker

Mr. Quintron (AKA Jay Poggi)

**Burlesque Dancers** 

@ One Eyed Jacks: Moxie Sazerac

Erica Dewey





#### MUSIC:

"Agile, Mobile, Hostile" Written by: Andre Williams Published by DKW Music BMI Performed by Andre Williams

"My Pajamas"
Written by: Andre Williams
Published by DKW Music BMI
Performed by Andre Williams

"Jail Bait"
Written By Andre Williams
Published By Trianon Publications BMI
Performed by Andre Williams

"I Can Tell"
Written by: Andre Williams and Dallas Good
Published by June Sixteenth Music BMI
Performed by Andre Williams

"Let Me Put It In" Written by: Andre Williams Published by DKW Music BMI Performed by Andre Williams

"Chrysler 300"
Written by: N. Basinger, D. Basinger, D. Roberson, J. Viner, A. Williams, K. Goodman
Published by Samovar Groovathon Music
Performed by Andre Williams with The Diplomats of Solid Sound
Courtesy of Pravda Records

"Bacon Fat"
Written by: Andre Williams
Published by June Sixteen Music BMI and EMI Longitude BMI
Performed by Andre Williams
Courtesy of Epic Records & Tuff City





"Hold Up"
Written by: N. Basinger, D. Basinger, D. Roberson, J. Viner,
A. Williams, K. Goodman
Published by Samovar Groovathon Music
Performed by Andre Williams with The Diplomats of Solid Sound
Courtesy of Pravda Records

"Shake A Tail Feather"
Written by: Andre Williams, Otha Hayes, Verlie Rice
Published by Vapac Music Publishing, Inc., BMI
Performed by Ray Charles
Courtesy of: Universal Studios Licensing LLLP

"Shake A Tail Feather"
Written by: Andre Williams, Otha Hayes, Verlie Rice
Published by Vapac Music Publishing, Inc., BMI
Performed by: The Five Du Tones
Courtesy of: Onederful Records

"Hallelujah"
Written by: Andre Williams
Published by Samovar Groovathon Music BMI
Performed by Andre Williams

"Velvet Groove"
Written by: Andre Williams
Published by Andre Williams
Performed by Andre Williams
Courtesy of Tuff City

"Pearl Time"
Written by: Gladys Harris
Published by Swing Beat Songs
Performed by Andre Williams
Courtesy of Tuff City

"Prove It To Me"

Written by: N. Basinger, D. Basinger, D. Roberson, J. Viner, A. Williams
Published by Samovar Groovathon Music
Performed by Andre Williams with The Diplomats of Solid Sound
Courtesy of Pravda Records





"Andre's Serbian Piano Score"
Written by: Kenn Goodman
Published by Samovar Groovathon Music
Performed by Kenn Goodman

"Three Sisters"

Written by: N. Basinger, D. Robertson, K. Goodman, A. Williams Published by Samovar Groovathon Music Performed by Andre Williams with The Diplomats of Solid Sound Courtesy of Pravda Records

"Pray For Your Daughter"
Written by: Andre Williams, R. Scully, S. Calandra,
M. Andrepont, B. Smith
Published by Mofofed Music BMI and Samovar Groovathon Music BMI
Performed by Andre Williams and The Morning Forty

"What A Nigger Gotta Do"
Written by: M. Voelker, Quintron, and A. Williams
Published by Samovar Groovathon Music BMI, Michael Voelker
Performed by Andre Williams

"She's A Bag of Potato Chips"
Written by: Andre Williams and Dallas Good
Published by June Sixteenth Music BMI
Performed by Andre Williams

"Detroit"

Written by: Andre Williams and Stanley Reeves
Published by Room Tunes Publishing ASCAP
and Samovar Groovathon Music BMI
Performed by Andre Williams and Stanley Reeves

"Velvet Groove"
Written by: Andre Williams
Published by Andre Williams
Performed by Andre Williams
Courtesy of Tuff City





"Man With The Star on The Car" Written by: Andre Williams Published by DKW Music BMI Performed by Andre Williams

"You Got It And I Want It" Written by: Andre Williams Published by DKW Music BMI Performed by Andre Williams

"Black Godfather"
Written by: Andre Williams
Published by DKW Music BMI
Performed by Andre Williams with Jon Spencer & The Blues Explosion
Courtesy of In The Red Records

Live Recording Session @ Key Club "Courtesy of Andre Williams, The Sadies, Jon Spencer"

Record Album Artwork & Additional Photography:

Black Godfather

Photography & Design by Jimmy Hole Courtesy of In The Red Records

Silky

Photography & Design by Jimmy Hole Courtesy of In The Red Records

Greasy

Photography by Batman Perez
Design: Pete Ciccione

Courtesy of Norton Records

Bait & Switch

Photography by Christy Kane Design: Elizabeth Van Itallie Courtesy of Norton Records





Rib Tips & Pig Snoots

Photographs Property of Andre William

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Velvet Hammer

Photographs Property of Andre Williams

Design: Hal Wilson Courtesy of Tuff City

Archival 45 Record Scans: Carl Pellegrino

BJL

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Saturday night in barroom on the southside. (April 1941)

Photographer: Russell Lee

Window Shopping. (July 1941) Photographer: John Vachon

Negro boys on Easter morning. (April 1941)

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Deborah Harry **Demolition Doll Rods** 

Derek Williams Dina Oberly

**Double Down Events** Dr. Harold Matthies Eric C. Hughes Felix Salmon Geno Parks George Paulus In the Red Records

James Henkel

James Marshall Jason Guerrasio Jay Johnson Jessica Ruffins

Jim Dunn Jimmy Hole Joel Tabush

Kevin Buck

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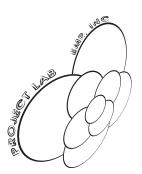
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