

# Andy Stokes

## The Northwest's King of Soul Music Best Day Ever

Ask Andy Stokes the story of Best Day Ever and he will tell you “the song was inspired by my wife”. Each night, before sleep, they tell each other “Best Day Ever”. It’s a euphemism for gratefulness. As Andy puts it, “even when it clearly hasn’t been the best day, it IS the Best Day Ever because we are together”. Andy Stokes has a lot to be grateful for.



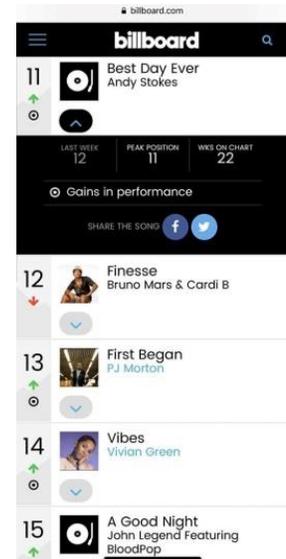
Known as the Northwest King of Soul Music, Andy has been singing his way into the hearts of all who



have the good fortune to hear him for over three decades. It has not been an easy path. In the 80’s he found success with the funk band Cool’R and later with Warner Bros Music Group but life threw him a few hurdles. He battled through lost opportunities, depression, massive weight gain, identity theft that wiped him out and eventually led to homelessness, the loss of his father, and the sudden passing of his best friend. However, Andy Stokes knew his best day ever was out there and he would not give up.

Best Day Ever, the first single off of the EP ‘Now’, was released on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2018. The song debuted in the top 30 on both Billboard Adult R&B and Mediabase UAC charts – making him the first Northwest artist to make this milestone. The song remained on Billboard for a remarkable 25 weeks and reached #11.

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ADULT R&B RECURRENT CHART	
ARTIST	TITLE
1	TAINI WHEAT III BAB MONEY/ATLANTIC
2	CHLISHA GAMBINO Redbone GLADSTONE
3	KHALID Location RIGHT HAND/VEVA
4	BOJ JAMES Permission BYSTORM/BLACK ICE/VEVA
5	BRUNO MARS That's What I Like ATLANTIC
6	NE-YO Good Man COMPTON ENT./JAGGED/CAPITOL
7	BRUNO MARS & CARDI B Finesse ATLANTIC
8	DANIEL CAESAR FEAT. KALI UCHIS Get You GOLDEN CHILD
9	SZA FEAT. TRAVIS SCOTT Love Galore TOP GUN/VEVA
10	ANDY STOKES Best Day Ever NEW 1
11	LEDEI All The Way VENICE/ENTROUSSE
12	DJ KHALED FEAT. BISHANNA & BRYSON TELLER Wild Thoughts WESTWOOD THE BEST/EPIC
13	LALAH HATHAWAY Angel HATHAWAY/EPIC
14	CHARLIE WILSON Chills FRESH/VEVA
15	CHARLIE WILSON FEAT. T.I. I'm Blessed FRESH/VEVA
16	MIGUEL Adorn BYSTORM/BLACK ICE/VEVA
17	THE WEEKND Earned It (Fifty Shades Of Grey) XO/REPUBLIC
18	STOKLEY Organic BLUMFELD/CONCORD
19	MEM Nobody KEMETRY/ANDROMEDA/CAPITOL
20	MIGUEL FEAT. TRAVIS SCOTT Sky Walker BYSTORM/VEVA



A top 15 hit has put Andy on the national stage amongst musicians such as Bruno Mars, Cardi-B, John Legend, Peabo Bryson and Toni Braxton. Andy Stokes is one of only a few independent artists to achieve a song in the top 15 on both Billboard and Mediabase charts. In heavy rotation across the country (over 61 stations to date), the song was in the SIRIUSXM Heart & Soul Platinum top 20, held the #1 spot for R&B/Soul on Music Choice and reached #2 on the Amazon.com contemporary R&B bestseller list. The song is now in the top 10 on the Billboard R&B recurring chart.

With its uplifting message and catchy beat, the song held the number one spot on the Official Indie Soul Charts for three consecutive weeks and made the top

10 on a host of Global R&B/Soul charts. The charting success is a ground-breaking feat by a Northwest R&B artist and is the result of building a strong and dedicated following in the Pacific Northwest as well as a rapidly growing fan base across the country and beyond.

The Official Best Day Ever Video was released in mid-April. The video features Andy singing the song to the background of photographs of fans, family, and friends having their 'Best Day Ever'. Andy sent a call out to his fans to send in their favorite photographs to include in the video. He says "It was awesome. We received thousands of great pics from all over the world. It was impossible to choose so we left it up to the Director." The result is a real joyous montage of individuals, families, even dogs, as well as a couple of shots of Andy with his muse; his wife Vicki – all in the background of Andy singing his heart out.

With a second single schedule for release in the Fall of 2018 Andy's star has risen. Fans can catch his performances at Harlem Week in New York, the Tom Joyner Family Reunion in Orlando Florida, as well as at venues and festivals across the country.

