

# Andy White

## Songwriter

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Belfast singer-songwriter **Andy White** carries a 12-string guitar under his arm and wears his particular brand of charm on his sleeve. He combines the political edge of Billy Bragg with the romance of David Gray and the Celtic influences and lyricism of The Waterboys.

Andy has ten critically-acclaimed studio albums to his name. He has won Ireland's top rock and songwriting awards, toured the world working with the likes of **Mary Black** and **Van Morrison**, and written with **Peter Gabriel** and **Neil and Tim Finn** (Crowded House).

The release of Andy's new album *Songwriter* (Floating World) coincides with an extensive UK Autumn tour during October and November, and the publication of his new book *21st Century Troubadour* (Logan Press), which he describes as an 'on the road' journal. *Songwriter* is also scheduled for release in the US later this year on **Judy Collins'** label, Wildflower Records.

*Songwriter* was recorded live in the studio in Vancouver, Canada, with members of **Po' Girl**, the **Be Good Tanyas**, and **Neko Case's** band. It's a new, rootsier musical direction for Andy, and reflects writing collaborations he has been working on for the past few years - there are songs co-written with Canadians **Allison Russell** (Po' Girl), who also guests extensively on vocals and **Stephen Fearing**, Brisbane-based Australian writer **Sean Sennett** and Scottish producer **Stuart Crichton**.

*Songwriter* also features Andy's long-time accompanist **Radoslav Lorkovic** (Jimmy LaFave, Odetta) on piano, **Paul Rigby** (Neko Case) on guitar and pedal steel and **John Raham** (Be Good Tanyas) on drums.

People are fascinated by the world of rock music, and *21st Century Troubadour* was written in its hidden corners -backstage areas, hotel rooms and airport departure lounges. In its 300 pages you'll meet depressive promoters, crazed club owners and diva superstars. There are lists, poems, and advice on topics such as how to avoid excess baggage fees, which hand signals to employ when driving in Italy, and what to do when you're mistaken as one of U2.

Since his first release in 1986, Andy White has released a series of beautiful albums featuring numerous songs now ingrained in the Irish psyche including 'Religious Persuasion', 'James Joyce's Grave' and 'Street Scenes From My Heart'. He is a singer-songwriter of and for our times, documenting the world and its current chaos and beauty with remarkable insight.

The UK autumn tour will mix readings from *21st Century Troubadour* with songs from across Andy's extensive repertoire.

When not on tour, Andy is based in Melbourne, Australia, where he relocated soon after collaborating with **Tim Finn** and **Liam Ó Maonlaí** (Hothouse Flowers) in supertrio ALT.

Andy's sister **Cathy White** will be joining him onstage for selected shows\* on the 'Songwriter' tour. An accomplished singer and actress, Cathy was in Andy's Irish band from 'Rave on' to 'Destination Beautiful' and has appeared in many theatre productions (Royal Shakespeare Company, National Theatre of Ireland, Rough Magic), TV and film (Murphy's Law, The General).

*"Songwriter oozes messy storylines and insistent guitar chords that drill a hole into your subconscious. Its influences range, from rockabilly (When You Gonna Come) to wide- open vista balladry (Why Don't You Stay) and down-home guitar-driven three-chord trickery (The Valley of My Heart). It's classic White terrain, a place where singalong-ability is to be celebrated rather than sneered at; and where guest vocals from Canadian Po' Girl Allison Russell chafe beautifully against Andy's Belfast-by-way-of-Melbourne curlicued diphthongs. A recession- beating slice of (wary) optimism."* **Siobhan Long, The Irish Times**

Andy White will be touring the UK from October 20 (see full itinerary overleaf)

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# Andy White · UK Tour · October-November 2010

## October

Wednesday 20	London*	The Green Note 020 7485 9899 / <a href="http://www.greennote.co.uk">www.greennote.co.uk</a>	£9, 7pm
Friday 22	New Galloway* <i>Nr. Castle Douglas</i>	The Catstrand 01644 420374 / <a href="http://www.catstrand.com">www.catstrand.com</a>	£8, 8pm
Saturday 23	Glasgow*	Sounds In The Suburbs @ Woodend Bowling and Tennis Club 01419 591428 / <a href="http://www.myspace.com/soundsinthesuburbs">www.myspace.com/soundsinthesuburbs</a>	£8, 8pm
Sunday 24	Rothsay <i>Isle of Bute</i>	Bute Sunday Session @ The Argyll Arms <i>NB. Afternoon Show</i> 08721 077077 / <a href="http://www.myspace.com/butesundayssession">www.myspace.com/butesundayssession</a>	£TBC, 4.30pm
Tuesday 26	Belfast	Belfast Festival at Queen's – The Mandela Hall 028 9097 1197 / <a href="http://www.belfastfestival.com">www.belfastfestival.com</a>	£10, 8pm
Wednesday 27	Portstewart <i>N. Ireland</i>	Flowerfield Arts Centre 028 7083 1400 / <a href="http://www.flowerfield.org">www.flowerfield.org</a>	£10, 8pm
Thursday 28	Banchory <i>Aberdeenshire</i>	Buchanans - Bistro at the Barn, Woodend Barn 01330 826530 / <a href="http://www.woodendbar.co.uk">www.woodendbar.co.uk</a> <i>*inc. two-course supper</i>	£20*, 7.30pm
Friday 29	Aberdeen	The Lemon Tree 01224 337688 / <a href="http://www.boxofficeaberdeen.com">www.boxofficeaberdeen.com</a>	<i>NB. Lunchtime Show</i> £Free, Noon
Friday 29	Kinloss <i>Nr. Forres, Moray</i>	East Grange Loft 01343 850111 / <a href="http://www.loftgigs.co.uk">www.loftgigs.co.uk</a>	£Free, 8pm
Saturday 30	Cromarty <i>Highlands</i>	Old Brewery, Cromarty Training Centre 01381 600277 / <a href="http://www.cromarty-training.com">www.cromarty-training.com</a>	£TBC, 8pm

## November

Monday 1	Crewe	Crewe Roots @ Square One 01270 213 706 / <a href="http://www.creweroots.co.uk">www.creweroots.co.uk</a>	£TBC, 8pm
Tuesday 2	York	The Basement 01270 213 706 / <a href="http://www.thebasementyork.co.uk">www.thebasementyork.co.uk</a>	£9, 8pm
Wednesday 3	Wakefield	Henry Boons Yard Bar 01924 378126 / <a href="http://www.myspace.com/ontheridepresents">www.myspace.com/ontheridepresents</a>	£8, 7.30pm
Thursday 4	Birmingham	Hare & Hounds 0121 444 2081 / <a href="http://www.hareandhoundskingsheath.co.uk">www.hareandhoundskingsheath.co.uk</a>	£8, 7.30pm
Friday 5	Belper <i>Derbyshire</i>	The Queen's Head 01773 825525 / <a href="http://www.belpermusicandarts.co.uk">www.belpermusicandarts.co.uk</a>	£7, 8pm
Saturday 6	Stockton-on-Tees	ARC Stockton Arts Centre 01642 525180 / <a href="http://www.arconline.co.uk">www.arconline.co.uk</a>	£10, 8pm
Sunday 7	Formby <i>Merseyside</i>	Freshfield Hotel 01704 870567	£5, 8pm
Monday 8	Brighton*	The Greys 01273 680 734 / <a href="http://www.greyspub.com">www.greyspub.com</a>	£9, 8pm
Tuesday 9	Hempstead* <i>Nr. Saffron Walden</i>	The Bluebell Inn 01799 599199 / <a href="http://www.thebluebellinn.co.uk">www.thebluebellinn.co.uk</a>	£TBC, 8pm
Wednesday 10	Tilston <i>Nr. Malpas, Cheshire</i>	Tilston Music Club @ The Carden Arms 01829 250214 / <a href="http://www.thecardenarms.co.uk">www.thecardenarms.co.uk</a>	£TBC, 8.15pm
Thursday 11	Bristol*	The Tunnels 0117 929 9008 / <a href="http://www.thetunnelsbristol.co.uk">www.thetunnelsbristol.co.uk</a>	£7, 7.30pm
Friday 12	Oxford <i>Nr. Sevenoaks</i>	The Crown 01959 522847 / <a href="http://www.brandywinemusic.co.uk">www.brandywinemusic.co.uk</a>	£8, 7pm
Saturday 13	Robin Hood's Bay <i>Nr. Whitby</i>	The Old Chapel 01947 880 180	£TBC, 8pm
Sunday 14	Appleton <i>Nr. Skipton</i>	Cruck Barn at the Craven Arms 01756 720270 / <a href="http://www.craven-cruckbarn.co.uk">www.craven-cruckbarn.co.uk</a>	£TBC, 8pm