

Antonio Andrade medium bio

Antonio Andrade is a recording artist who released his ninth album, the all-cover *Here We Go!*, in March 2025 on Lifeshakes Recordings. He is a songwriter who has co-written with Louisa Branscomb and Freebo and earned an honorable mention in the 2023 Mid-Atlantic Song Contest for “You Don’t Until You Do.” He is a performer with more than 45 years’ experience who has appeared on the juried showcases at both SERFA and SWRFA, whom the Central Pennsylvania Music Awards honored as "Best Male Solo Artist" for 2021. At his very core, however, Antonio Andrade is an entertainer, winning audiences with his passion and enthusiasm in spirited performances of what he calls “rockin’ folk.”

Veteran reviewer **John Apice** found a lot to like in Antonio Andrade’s *Here We Go!* per his review in *Americana Highways*. “No one can say Antonio Andrade doesn’t have a sense of humor. He boldly starts his set with a “Looney Tunes Medley” (Tracks 1-4) & while one would take this with a grain of salt & dismiss it as novelty shtick – it isn’t. Antonio’s arranged & performed these melodies with a good sense of medley & with enthusiasm & a few shots of harmonica. Each tune is short, concise & nostalgic. I’m a baby boomer, so I know these tunes by heart & I’m defensive if they’re ridiculed but in Mr. Andrade’s hands they’re wonderfully rendered.... Antonio provides lots of surprises through his performances & slips a few into this 16-song set. It’s a fun listen.”

“Singing and playing, presenting songs, and connecting with an audience are more fun than anything else I can imagine. The sensation of sharing energy with an audience arouses passion in me. Music has a presence and a life of its own. I am seeking to honor my passion,” the Centralia, PA native explains.

Andrade’s 2020 album *Lucky in Love* peaked at #34 on the Folk Alliance International Folk Chart. His 2011 interpretation of the Talking Heads’ “This Must Be the Place,” was used in the movie of the same name starring Sean Penn and Frances McDormand. The modest Andrade admits that “my ability to re-interpret songs might be a noteworthy skill. I believe the words when I say them.”

Since retiring from his day job in 2014, Andrade has become well known and regarded in Folk Alliance International. He has released four albums in seven years as compared to three in the previous sixteen and had pushed his performances up to five or six a month pre-COVID.

"Nobody brings more passion to the stage than Antonio." - James Lee Stanley, veteran singer-songwriter and music industry professional