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## PARTY BOY

### ANDREW W.K. BROKE BIG IN THE U.S.

with 2001's *I Get Wet*, a high-energy, grab-something-and-smash-it collection of manly metal vocals, new wavy keyboards and, surprisingly, a positive message of acceptance. With songs like "It's Time To Party," "Party Hard" and "Party Til You Puke," W.K. embodied heavy metal's younger, homo-friendly, fun-loving brother who just wanted to host a global fiesta—where you're invited. "We don't have fans," Andrew says. "We have friends!!"

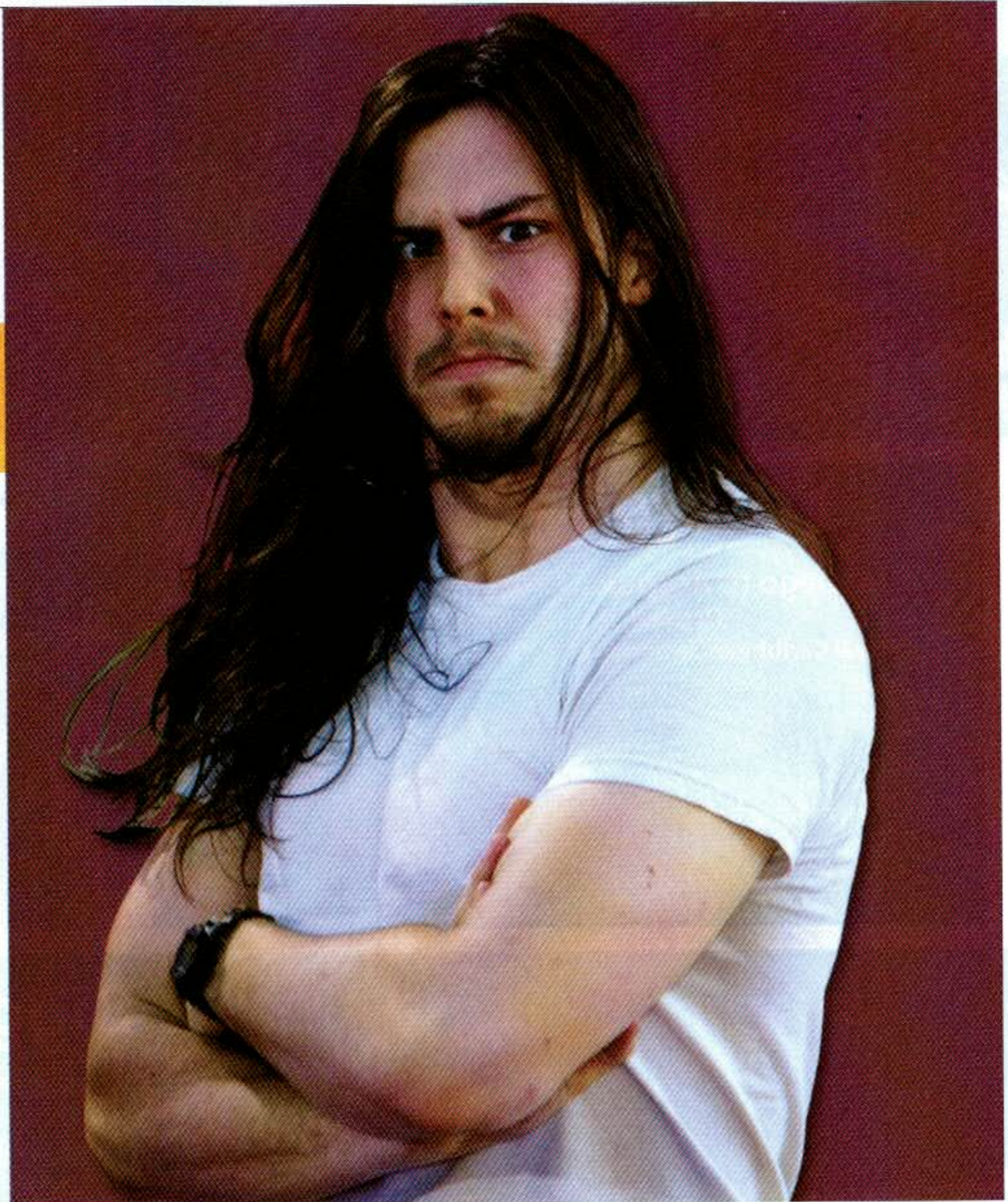
His high-octane, multiple-exclamation-mark music popped up in commercials, soundtracks and sporting events. He played *Saturday Night Live* and, with a goofy grin and crossed eyes, tore up Ozzfest, where he jump-kicked in white denim, rocked the frat boys and metal-heads and won the hearts of the teenage girls and some of us gay guys—a fact he has no problem with.

"The diversity of the fans is really one of the most exciting things. I wouldn't have ever expected or predicted to see some of the people who come to our shows," Andrew says. "Seeing that is the biggest thrill for me."

How many headbangers would speak about inclusiveness and welcome fans both young and old, male and female, gay and straight to their shows? That's definitely a cool thing about W.K.—if you're down for his power pop metal, he's down for you.

In 2003, he followed up with his second CD, *The Wolf*, notable for its higher production values, signs of artistic growth (he played all the instruments himself) and of course, the continuation of the party ("Long Live the Party").

Now's the perfect time to catch up with the Andrew W.K. experience, with the release



**Andrew Likes To Party All The Time, Party All The Time**  
Senior Associate Editor Jonathan likes 'em crazy

of his DVD *Andrew W.K.: Who Knows?* An awesome mix-tape of concert clips, behind-the-scenes with the band, outtakes and fans freaking out, it captures the hands-up, shout-along appeal of W.K.'s M.O.

"We actually have wanted to put out a DVD for a long time. I'm glad it came together now," Andrew says. "I feel like it turned out really great."

The best parts of the DVD are the concert clips, where you're directly in the performance epicenter of a W.K. quake. A classically trained pianist since age 4, Andrew pounds the keys with more enthusiasm than a rabbit on meth. Don't expect to see him strap on a keytar any time soon, though. "I've never thought seriously about buying one of those. I've found them very challenging to play," he says. "I like the idea of

the object being stationary and I can really slam down onto it."

With songs that seep into your nervous system like an adrenaline drip, W.K.'s energy can turn the volume on any party to 11. *Who Knows?* encapsulates his unique charm—he's the good-hearted, goofy frat guy who's up for celebrating with you, no matter who you are.

"Everyone's invited to this party. It doesn't matter what you look like, what you taste like, what you like or don't like!" Andrew says. "If you're happy with yourself, come inside!"—**JONATHAN RIGGS**

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