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**Andy Shauf Announces New Album, *Wilds*,**

**Out THIS FRIDAY, September 24th (Digital)/November 19th (Physical) on ANTI-**

[**Listen to “Jaywalker”**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9W9jHnxvHKw)

**On Tour Now**

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**Andy Shauf** is “a gifted singer-songwriter. More than that, a gifted storyteller” (*NPR Music*). Today, he announces ***Wilds***, a **surprise** **new album out** **this Friday, September 24th (digitally)/November 19th (physically) via ANTI-**, that offers a peek into Shauf’s creative process and how the multi-instrumentalist first begins building his songs into more ornately arranged final products. Additionally, he presents a new song, “**Jaywalker**.” *Wilds* is a collection of nine songs culled from around fifty tracks recorded by Shauf during the writing of his widely lauded last album, 2020’s ***The Neon Skyline***. Presented in a near-unfiltered form, the unstudied rawness of the songs on *Wilds* is a revealing look at Shauf’s mindset during the time he was writing *Skyline*. Though it’s not necessary to be familiar with *The Neon Skyline* to “get” *Wilds*, the album can certainly be interpreted as a companion piece to that record, a revisiting of the doomed lovers throughout various stages of their relationship. The songs are presented here in their most nascent shape - Shauf playing all the instruments, coming up with the arrangements on the fly, and recording it all himself to “a little tape machine” in his studio in Toronto.

All songs on *Wilds* were written and recorded closely together, during a period when Shauf became disenchanted with the idea of centering the *Skyline* narrative around one night at a bar. To shake off the writer’s block, he began experimenting with a different concept, penning songs about a woman named Judy. Shauf ultimately decided to return to his original plan, but the creative exercise was fundamental to what *Skyline* eventually became.

As first presented in “**Spanish On The Beach**,” hearing his songs pared back to the sparest of parts reveals not only how good a songwriter Shauf really is, but also how affectingly personal his songs are when his songs are unlatched from the mise en scène of a conceptual storyline. Today’s offering, “Jaywalker,” is a loping ballad that nominally tells the tale of a person not looking where he’s going while crossing the street and, by song’s end, waking up alone in a hospital with a dream of Judy driving a car, and no idea what the hell happened. But peer a bit deeper and you’ll find that Shauf is exploring a far more existential theme: the experience of the lost soul meandering through life (“*Hanging around town never looked good on you*”), the low-level level depression so common as to be invisible to everyone around (“*All of your friends started wondering why/ You were choking back tears at an easy goodbye*”) and the ways, both good and bad, that life can broadside you when you least expect it.

[**Listen to Andy Shauf’s “Jaywalker”**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9W9jHnxvHKw)

Ultimately *Wilds* is not only another spin on the barstool at the *Skyline*—this time a bit wiser, with a little more clarity—but a standalone chapter in Shauf’s own artistic narrative. The organic nature of the songs make the stories they tell feel truer to life as it’s experienced in the moment rather than via carefully edited words on a page or through the golden, unreliable haze of memory.

Andy Shauf is in the midst of a North American tour. Tickets for all dates are on sale now and a full list can be found below.

[**Listen to “Spanish On The Beach”**](https://youtu.be/lD1a2tfDC0c)

[***Wilds* Pre-Order**](https://andyshauf.ffm.to/wilds)

***Wilds* Tracklist**

1. Judy (Wilds)

2. Spanish On The Beach

3. Jaywalker

4. Call

5. Television Blue

6. Green Glass

7. Wicked and Wild

8. Believe Me

9. Jeremy’s Wedding (Wilds)

[**Purchase Tickets for North American Tour**](http://andyshauf.com/)

**Andy Shauf Tour Dates**

Wed. Sept. 22 - Boulder,CO @ Fox Theatre !

Thu. Sept. 23 - Salt Lake City, UT @ The Urban Lounge @

Fri. Sept. 24 - Boise, ID @ Treefort Music Fest

Sat. Sept. 25 - Eugene, OR @ Sessions Music Hall #

Sun. Sept. 26 - Tacoma, WA @ McMenamins Elks Temple #

Tue. Sept. 28 - Santa Cruz, CA @ Moe’s Alley #

Wed. Sept. 29 - Santa Barbara, CA @ Soho Restaurant & Music Club #

Thu. Sept. 30 - Los Angeles, CA @ Hollywood Forever Cemetery ^

Fri. Oct. 1 - Sonoma, CA @ Sebastiani Theatre #

Sat. Oct. 2 - San Francisco, CA @ Hardly Strictly Bluegrass

Sat. Oct. 30 - Austin, TX @ Levitation Festival

Sat. Nov. 13 - Perris, CA @ Desert Daze Festival

Fri. Nov. 19 – Atlanta, GA @ The Stuffing  
Thu. Feb. 3, 2022 - Ottawa, ON @ Bronson Centre

Fri. Feb. 4, 2022 - Montreal, QC @ Corona Theatre

Sat. Feb. 5, 2022 - Toronto, ON @ Danforth Music Hall

Sun. Feb. 6, 2022 - Toronto, ON @ Danforth Music Hall

Thu. Feb. 17, 2022 - Sheffield, MA @ Race Brook Lodge

Fri. Feb. 18, 2022 - Woodstock, NY @ Colony Cafe

Sun. Feb. 20, 2022 - Charlottesville, VA @ The Southern Music Hall

Tue. Feb. 22, 2022 - Carrboro, NC @ Cat’s Cradle

Wed. Feb. 23, 2022 - Asheville, NC @ The Grey Eagle

Thu. Feb. 24, 2022 - Birmingham, AL @ Saturn

Fri. Feb 25, 2022 - Atlanta, GA @ Terminal West

Fri. March 11, 2022 – Los Angeles, CA @ Walt Disney Concert Hall

Thu. March 24-27, 2022 – Knoxville, TN @ Big Ears Festival

Sun. Mar. 20, 2022 - Bruxelles, BE @ Le Botanique

Tue. March 30, 2022 - Washington, DC @ Black Cat

Wed. March 31, 2022 - Philadelphia, PA @ Union Transfer

Sun. April 3, 2022 - Boston, MA @ Paradise Rock Club

Mon. April 18, 2022 - Düdingen, CH @ Bad Bonn

Wed. April 20, 2022 - Mérignac, FR @ Le Krakatoa

Thu. April 21, 2022 - Paris, FR @ Trianon

Fri. April 22, 2022 - Rouen, FR @ Le 106

Sat. April 23, 2022 - Esch-Sur-Alzette, LU @ Kulturfabrik

Sun. April 24, 2022 - Utrecht, NL @ Tivoli Vredenburg

Mon. April 25, 2022 - Rotterdam, NL @ Rotown

Tue. April 26, 2022 - Nijmegen, NL @ Doornroosje

Thu. April 28, 2022 - Copenhagen, DK @ Loppen

Fri. April 29, 2022 - Oslo, NO @ Ingensteds

Sat. April 30, 2022 - Stockholm, SE @ Nalen Klubb

Mon. May 2, 2022 - Hamburg, DE @ Knust

Tue. May 3, 2022 - Berlin, DE @ Silent Green

Thu. May 5, 2022 - Bruxelles, BE @ Les Nuits Botanique Festival

Fri. May 6, 2022 - Cologne, DE @ Luxor

Sat. May 7, 2022 - Genk, BE @ Little Waves Festival

Mon. May 9, 2022 - Birmingham, UK @ The Castle & Falcon

Tue. May 10, 2022 - Edinburgh, UK @ Summerhall

Wed. May 11, 2022 - Glasgow, UK @ Drygate

Thu. May 12, 2022 - Manchester, UK @ Gorilla

Fri. May 13, 2022 - Leeds, UK @ Brudenell Social Club

Sat. May 14, 2022 - Bristol, UK @ Fiddlers

Sun. May 15, 2022 - Brighton, UK @ Chalk

Mon. May 16, 2022 - London, UK @ Shepherd’s Bush Empire

Wed. May 18, 2022 - Belfast, UK @ Em in pire

Thu. May 19, 2022 - Dublin, IE @ Button Factory

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@ = w/ Wild Pink

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