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Trombone Shorty

Troy Andrews (born January 2, 1986), also known by the stage name **Trombone Shorty**, is an American musician, producer, actor and philanthropist from <u>New Orleans</u>, Louisiana. He is best known as a trombone and trumpet player but also plays drums, organ, and tuba. He has worked with some of the biggest names in rock, pop, jazz, funk, and hip hop. Andrews is the younger brother of trumpeter and bandleader <u>James Andrews</u> and the grandson of singer and songwriter <u>Jessie Hill</u>. Other musical family members are cousins Glen David Andrews and the late Travis "Trumpet Black" Hill. Andrews began playing trombone at age four, and since 2009 has toured with his own band, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue.

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Life and career

Troy Andrews was born in New Orleans and grew up in the <u>Tremé</u> neighborhood. Troy graduated in 2004 from <u>Warren Easton High School</u>. At the age of 4, he appeared onstage with <u>Bo Diddley</u> at the <u>New Orleans Jazz &</u> <u>Heritage Festival</u>. He participated in brass band parades as a child, becoming a bandleader by the age of six. In his teens, he was a member of the <u>Stooges Brass</u> <u>Band</u>.^[1] He attended the <u>New Orleans Center for Creative Arts</u> (NOCCA) along with fellow musician Jon Batiste.^[2]

In 2005, Andrews was a featured member of <u>Lenny Kravitz</u>'s horn section in a world tour that shared billing with acts including <u>Aerosmith</u>. He was part of the <u>New Orleans Social Club</u>, a group formed after <u>Hurricane Katrina</u> to record a benefit album. He was featured guest on "Hey Troy, Your Mama's Calling You," a tribute to "Hey Leroy, Your Mama's Calling You" a <u>Latin jazz</u> song by the <u>Jimmy Castor Bunch</u> in 1966.

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At the Satchmo SummerFest, August 2007

Background information	
Birth name	Troy Andrews
Born	January 2, 1986 New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.
Genres	Jazz
Occupation(s)	Musician
Instruments	Trombone, trumpet
Labels	Verve Forecast Bluenote
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Trombone Shorty at age five, with the Carlsberg Brass Band, New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, 1991

Andrews performed on "Where Y'At" as part of the Sixth Ward All-Star Brass Band Revue featuring Charles Neville of The Neville Brothers.

In London, during the summer of 2006, Andrews began working with producer <u>Bob Ezrin</u> and <u>U2</u> at <u>Abbey Road Studios</u>. This association led to Andrews performing with U2 and <u>Green Day</u> during the re-opening of the New Orleans Superdome for the Monday Night Football pre-game show.^[3]

At the end of 2006, Andrews appeared on the NBC television series *Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip*.^[4] Leading a group of New Orleans musicians, he performed the holiday classic "O Holy Night". NBC released the single as a free download.

In 2007, he accepted an invitation to contribute to *Goin' Home: A Tribute to Fats Domino*^[5] on the track "Whole Lotta Lovin" along with <u>Rebirth Brass Band</u>, <u>Pee</u> Wee Ellis, Fred Wesley, Maceo Parker and Lenny Kravitz.

Between 2010 and 2013, Andrews appeared in seven episodes of the HBO series

Treme.^[6]

In 2010, Andrews released the <u>Ben Ellman</u> produced <u>Backatown</u> (Verve Forecast), which hit *Billboard* magazine's Contemporary Jazz Chart at No. 1 and stayed there for nine consecutive weeks. Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue toured across Australia, North America, Europe, Japan and Brazil, as well as supported shows for <u>Jeff Beck</u> in the U.K. and <u>Dave Matthews Band</u> in the U.S. They performed on television shows including <u>Conan</u>, <u>Late Show with David Letterman</u>, <u>The Tonight Show with Jay Leno</u>, *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, <u>Bonnaroo</u>, and <u>Austin City Limits</u>. He also recorded on CDs from <u>Galactic</u>, <u>Eric Clapton</u>, and <u>Lenny Kravitz</u> and on the Academy Award nominated song "Down In New Orleans" with <u>Dr. John</u>. In December 2010, Andrews curated a two-night Red Hot+New Orleans performance at the <u>Brooklyn Academy of Music</u> to raise money for the New Orleans NO/AIDS Task Force.^[7]

In September 2011, Andrews released the album *For True* as a follow up to his earlier album *Backatown*. Along with all the members of his band, Orleans Avenue, this record includes appearances by the <u>Rebirth Brass Band</u>, <u>Jeff Beck</u>, <u>Warren Haynes</u>, <u>Stanton Moore</u>, <u>Kid Rock</u>, Ben Ellman and <u>Lenny Kravitz</u> as a returning guest artist.^[8] On January 8, 2012 Andrews performed the National Anthem before the start of the NFL playoff game between the New York Giants and Atlanta Falcons. <u>Soul Rebels</u> <u>Brass Band</u> invited Andrews to special guest on their <u>Rounder Records</u> debut record, *Unlock Your Mind*, released on January 31, 2012. On March 31, 2012, Andrews' single "Do To Me" was featured before both semi-final games of the 2012 NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament on CBS.

On February 21, 2012, Andrews performed at The White House as part of the Black History Month celebration, *In Performance at the White House: Red, White & Blues*, which premiered on PBS on February 27, 2012. The event featured performances from B.B. King, Jeff Beck, Keb' Mo', Mick Jagger, Susan Tedeschi and Derek Trucks and more. Earlier that day, Andrews also participated in a special education program at The White House with Michelle Obama, Keb' Mo' and Shemekia Copeland.

On January 24, 2014, Andrews performed at <u>MusiCares</u> alongside <u>Steven Tyler</u> and <u>LeAnn Rimes</u>. On January 26, 2014, Andrews performed at the <u>56th Grammy Awards</u> held at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, CA. He performed with <u>Macklemore</u> <u>& Ryan Lewis</u>, <u>Madonna</u> and <u>Queen Latifah</u> in a version of Macklemore's "<u>Same Love</u>". On February 16, 2014, Andrews and Orleans Avenue led the performance at halftime of the NBA Allstar Game, which was held at the Smoothie King Center in New Orleans, with Andrews also acting as music director for the entire segment. Leading off with his own song "Do To Me," Andrews then brought out his invited guests to join him on stage - Dr. John, Janelle Monáe, Gary Clark Jr. and Earth, Wind & Fire.

In May 2014, <u>Dave Grohl</u> and <u>Foo Fighters</u> traveled to New Orleans to tape their upcoming HBO series, <u>Sonic Highways</u>. After interviewing Andrews for the show, Dave invited Shorty to sit in with the Foo Fighters during their unannounced performance that night at <u>Preservation Hall</u>. That led to a friendship that has seen Shorty sit in with the Foo Fighters at their performances at

<u>Voodoo Festival</u> in New Orleans, Dave Grohl's Birthday Bash at the Forum in Los Angeles and at the William Morris retreat at the Belly Up in Solana Beach, California.

Also in May 2014, Andrews recorded with <u>Mark Ronson</u> for his album <u>Uptown Special</u> which reached Number 5 on the US Billboard 200. Andrews also suggested to Ronson that he should contact <u>Mystikal</u> to perform on the album and passed along Mystikal's phone number. That collaboration led to the single "<u>Feel Right</u>." At the end of 2014, Andrews recorded the theme song for the remake of the <u>Odd Couple</u>, which premiered on CBS in February 2015. In 2015, Andrews made his feature film debut, recording the voice of the teacher Miss Othmar and the other adults in the *Peanuts Movie*.

Andrews performed twice for President Obama at the White House in 2015. The first time was October 14 where he performed "<u>Fiya on the Bayou</u>" and also performed with <u>Usher</u> and <u>Queen Latifah</u>. The second time was December 3 for the National Christmas Tree Lighting where he performed "Jingle Bells" alongside <u>Crosby</u>, Stills and Nash, <u>Aloe Blacc</u> and <u>Reese</u> <u>Witherspoon</u>. In November 2015, Andrews and Orleans Avenue toured Europe with Foo Fighters. He performed "Stay All Night" with Little Big Town at the 2016 Academy of Country Music Awards.

During the summer of 2016, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue were a supporting act for the Hall & Oates tour.

On September 19, 2016, it was announced that Trombone Shorty and Orleans Avenue would appear as the opening act for the Red Hot Chili Peppers on the North American leg of their 2017 *The Getaway World Tour*.^[9]

On February 1, 2017, <u>Blue Note Records</u> announced that the label had signed Trombone Shorty.^[10] His Blue Note debut, *Parking Lot Symphony*, was released on April 28, 2017, the first day of the <u>New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival</u>.

The Trombone Shorty Foundation

The Trombone Shorty Foundation evolved from Andrews' Horns For Schools Project, a collaboration with New Orleans Mayor <u>Mitch Landrieu</u>, which helped schools across New Orleans receive quality instruments donated by Andrews personally. The Foundation's mission is "to preserve and perpetuate the unique musical culture of New Orleans by passing down its traditions to future generations of musicians."^[11] In December 2012, the Foundation partnered with Tulane University to create an After School Academy to mentor aspiring, high school musicians in the New Orleans area.

Personal life

Troy Andrews has a son, Hassan Goffner, who plays drums in the brass band To Be Continued (TBC). Hassan's mother is Shalanda Adams (nee Goffner) of the Lady Buckjumpers, a popular New Orleans Social Aid and Pleasure club.^[12]

Discography

As leader

- Trombone Shorty's Swingin' Gate, (Louisiana Red Hot, 2002)
- The End of the Beginning (Treme, 2005)
- Orleans & Claiborne (Treme, 2005)
- Live at New Orleans Jazz Fest (MunckMix, 2004)
- Jazzfest Live 2006 (MunckMix, 2006)
- Live at Jazz Fest 2007 (MunckMix, 2008)
- Live at Jazz Fest 2008 (MunckMix, 2008)
- <u>Backatown</u> (Verve Forecast, 2010)
- For True (Verve Forecast, 2011)
- Say That to Say This (Verve, 2013)^[13]

Parking Lot Symphony (Blue Note, 2017)

With others

- It's About Time, 2003 (as part of the Stooges Brass Band)
- 12 & Shorty, Keep Swingin', 2004 (by James & Troy Andrews)
- Trombone Shorty Meets Lionel Ferbos (by Trombone Shorty & Lionel Ferbos)

As sideman

- 2004: The Same Pocket, Vol. 1: The BlueBrass Project (Meantime Lounge)
- 2006: "Hey Troy, Your Mama's Calling You" and "Where Y'At" by The New Orleans Social Club (Burgundy/Honey Darling)
- 2006: <u>The Saints Are Coming</u>: <u>U2</u> and <u>Green Day</u> (Mercury). Track 2, "The Saints are Coming (Live from New Orleans)"
- 2007: Marsalis Music Honors Bob French: Bob French (Marsalis Music)
- 2007: Goin' Home: A Tribute to Fats Domino (Vanguard)^[14]
- 2007: Oh, My NOLA: Harry Connick, Jr. (Sony/Columbia)
- 2008: *Tufflove*: Galactic
- 2010: Cineramascope (also featuring Corey Henry): Galactic. Also recorded live along with "Ooh Nah Nay" at the 2010 New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival^[15]
- 2010: <u>Clapton</u> (also featuring Wynton Marsalis, Allen Toussaint & others)
- 2011: Rock 'n' Roll Party (Honoring Les Paul): Jeff Beck (Atlantic). Also Philadelphia Folk Festival
- 2012: "It Ain't My Fault" (featuring Allen Toussaint and Yasiin Bey a.k.a. Mos Def) on the record St. Peter & 57th Street by Preservation Hall Jazz Band
- 2012: "Merry Christmas Baby" and "Red-Suited Superman" on Merry Christmas, Baby by Rod Stewart
- 2012: "Overnight" on the record Uncaged by Zac Brown Band (Atlantic/Southern Ground Artists)
- 2012: "People Pleaser" (featuring Maceo Parker) on Superconductor by Andy Allo
- 2012: "Merry Christmas Baby" on Cee Lo's Magic Moment with Cee Lo Green
- 2013: "Need a Woman by Friday" by King
- 2013: "Take the Party" by Robert Randolph and the Family Band on Lickety Split
- 2014: "Smokin' in the Boys' Room" by LeAnn Rimes on Nashville Outlaws: A Tribute to Motley Crue
- 2014: Classics by She & Him
- 2014: "Amazing Game" on Wild Heart by Mindi Abair
- 2015: "Hold Up, Wait a Minute" by Zhu x Bone Thugs-n-Harmony x Trombone Shorty
- 2015: "Feel Right" on Uptown Special by Mark Ronson
- 2016: "Mardi Gras" by Dierks Bentley on Black
- 2018: "What Was It You Wanted" by Bettye LaVette on *Things Have Changed*
- 2019 : "Alunissons" by Nekfeu on Les Étoiles vagabondes

Filmography and TV appearances

- NCIS New Orleans Bar Act (2018)
- <u>The Simpsons</u> Trombonist (voice) (2018, Fox)
- Jool's Annual Hootenanny Performer (2017, BBC)
- The Late Show with Stephen Colbert Performer (2017, CBS)
- National Christmas Tree Lighting Performer (2015, PBS)
- <u>The Peanuts Movie</u>, Miss Othmar/Mrs. Little Red-Haired Girl (voice) (2015)
- Sportscenter "Hurricane Season" for the Midnight Edition with Scott Van Pelt (2015, ESPN)
- Odd Couple Music for the theme song (2015)
- Foo Fighters: Sonic Highways, Episode 6 (2014, HBO)
- <u>NBA All-Star Game Half Time Show</u> Performer and house band with <u>Earth</u>, Wind & Fire, <u>Janelle Monáe</u>, <u>Gary</u> <u>Clark Jr.</u> and <u>Dr. John</u> (2014, TBS)

- The Grammy Awards Performer with Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, Madonna and Queen Latifah (2014)
- <u>Conan</u> (2014) Musical Guest
- <u>Treme</u> as himself (2010–2013, HBO)
- Sunshine By The Stars: Celebrating Louisiana Music (2012, PBS)
- The Hour Performer (2011)
- Looking Back on Love: Making Black and White America (2011)
- The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson Musical Guest Episode #8.21 (2011)
- Later... with Jools Holland Performer Episode #39.1 (2011)
- Conan (2011)
- Re:Generation (2011)
- Jeff Beck Honors Les Paul (2010)
- The Tonight Show with Jay Leno Guest Musician Episode #19.9 (2010)
- Jimmy Kimmel Live! Musical Guest Episode #9.12 (2010)
- Live from the Artists Den (2010)
- Late Show with David Letterman Musical Guest (2010)
- <u>Tavis Smiley</u> Episode dated 18 May (2010)
- After Hours with Daniel Boulud (2008)
- Trombone Shorty Documentary / short film (2008 FXF productions)
- Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip episode "The Christmas Show" (2006, Warner Bros. Entertainment)
- Make It Funky! (various artists of New Orleans) (2005, Sony Pictures Entertainment)
- Soundmix: Five Young Musicians (2004)
- America's Heart and Soul Documentary (2004, Walt Disney Pictures)

Awards and honors

In early 2007, New Orleans music magazine <u>*Offbeat*</u> named Andrews their Performer of the Year.^[16] He also garnered honors as Best Contemporary Jazz Performer.^[16]

In 2010, Trombone Shorty's album *Backatown* was nominated for the Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Jazz Album.^[17]

On May 19, 2012, Andrews received the President's Medal from <u>Tulane University</u> President Scott Cowen at the university's Unified Commencement Ceremony at the Mercedez-Benz Superdome in New Orleans, in recognition of his community service work with the Horns for Schools Project. He thrilled the graduates and visitors by playing the trombone and singing "<u>When the</u> Saints Go Marching In" along with Dr. Michael White's Original Liberty Jazz Band at the ceremony.

In 2016, Andrews received the 21st Annual <u>Heinz Award</u> in the Arts and Humanities category, valued at \$250,000,^[18] "for his achievements as a musician and for his community work to preserve and pass on to younger generations the rich musical heritage of his native New Orleans".^[19]

Andrews' autobiography for young readers (titled *Trombone Shorty*), illustrated by <u>Bryan Collier</u>, was named as a 2016 <u>Caldecott</u> <u>Honor Book</u>. The award is given to the illustrator by the <u>Association for Library Service to Children</u> (ALSC), a division of the <u>American Library Association</u>.^[20] The book also garnered for Collier the <u>Coretta Scott King Award</u>^[21] from the American Library Association's Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table.

In May 2018, Trombone Shorty won a Blues Music Award in the Blues Instrumentalist: Horn category.^{[22][23]}

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