

## ANDREW SALGADO Biography

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Usually, write-ups on artists with a mile-long resume of all-star associations begin with those and then focus specifically on the music they make and the career goals they have envisioned. Andrew Salgado is eager to share his story, but not that way. The Nashville based singer/songwriter with Chicago roots came to prominence winning a major national competition, has penned songs with legends, toured with some of country music's biggest icons, released two well-received indie albums. Talk to him for a few moments about his priorities, however, and all these accolades are merely platforms creating key opportunities to give back and be in the service of helping and uplifting others.

In the late 2010s, long before he won 2013 Pepsi Southern Original at the Pepsi Gulf Coast Jam, Andrew used a rough demo to secure a gig performing at an Autism Speaks walk event at Soldier Field in Chicago. He donated a few hundred CDs he had made to the cause, earmarking proceeds to the organization. Seeing the impact his music could have, he parlayed his involvement with Autism Speaks into associations, performances and donation of his time and hands-on help to local walks for cancer, diabetes, and other organizations. In 2017, the year after its founding, Music Over Miles approached him to be their spokesperson, a position he held through 2021 and with his help provided educational programs about the music business and helped fundraise across the country providing programs impacting over 2000 children and multiple schools.

A great highlight of Andrew's presentation is his struggle to success stories, like how his spirited, gratitude-filled song "My Family" (which later appeared on his 2015 debut album Absolutely Everything) won over the Pepsi Southern judges – and he had to drive round trip in a single day from Chicago to perform in the semi-finals in Auburn, AL because he couldn't afford a hotel. Since then, he has co-written with Brian Wilson and Kacey Musgraves (on "Guess You Had to Be There" from Wilson's No Pier Pressure album), his gigs opening for Carrie Underwood, Toby Keith, Eli Young, Clint Black, and Darryl Worley. Ears also perk up when he mentions being featured for the past several years on the nationally aired PBS special "Songs at the Center" and his appearances on WGN, ABC and NBC.

His music has been successfully placed in both a film and theatre production. Andrew has been signed as a writer and performing artist to Synapse Publishing & Entertainment®'s label since 2016 and has released his 3rd album and first vinyl record, '86 Vol 2 – Autumn Dawn' on April 8, 2022. During the pandemic, due to being unable to tour, Andrew was busy performing once again for many charities through a virtual tour series on [www.PickYourTicket.com](http://www.PickYourTicket.com) which resulted in the release in February 2019 of the album: Andrew Salgado 'Live from the Escape 2020 Virtual Tour' available on all major DSPs and he is excited to go out on the road again. <https://www.linktr.ee/andrewsalgado>. For more information contact [marketing@synapsepublishing.com](mailto:marketing@synapsepublishing.com)