



## *Hall of Fame*

### *Andy Partridge*

**Andrew John Partridge** (born 11 November 1953) is an English singer, songwriter, guitarist, and record producer from Swindon. He is best known for co-founding the rock band XTC, in which he served as the group's primary songwriter and vocalist. While the band was formed as an early punk rock group, Partridge's music drew heavily from British Invasion songwriters, and his style gradually shifted to more traditional pop, often with pastoral themes. The band's only British top 10 hit, "Senses Working Overtime" (1982), was written by Partridge.

In addition to his work with XTC, Partridge has released one solo album on Virgin Records in 1980 called *Take Away / The Lure of Salvage*. He has also collaborated (as performer, writer or record producer) with recording artists, including Martin Newell, with whom he recorded and produced an album in 1993 entitled *The Greatest Living Englishman* released in Japan as a duo album. Partridge was producer for the English band Blur during the recording of *Modern Life Is Rubbish* (1993). He was replaced by Stephen Street at the insistence of their record label, Food. According to Partridge he was unpaid for the sessions and received his expenses only. Partridge also wrote four songs for Disney's version of *James and the Giant Peach* (1996) but was replaced by Randy Newman when he could not get Disney to offer him "an acceptable deal".

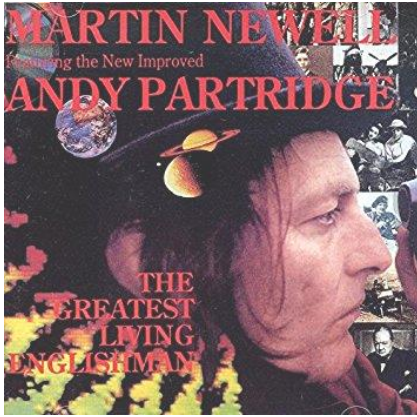
In the 2000s, Partridge began releasing demos of his songs under his own name in *The Official Fuzzy Warbles Collector's Album* and the *Fuzzy Warbles* album series on his APE House record label. Eight volumes of *Fuzzy Warbles* are now available, as well as the *Fuzzy Warbles Collector's Album*, which includes a bonus ninth disc *Hinges*. In 2004, Partridge contributed the song "I Wonder Why the Wonder Falls" as the theme music to the short-lived TV comedy *Wonderfalls*. In 2006, a song he and Robyn Hitchcock collaborated on "Cause It's Love (Saint Parallelogram)" was released on the Robyn Hitchcock & the Venus 3 album *Olé! Tarantula*.

Partridge mixed recordings for the band *Captains of Industry*. In 2007, Partridge released music as part of a trio known as *Monstrance*, made up of Andy on guitar, Barry Andrews (an early member of XTC) on keyboards, and Martyn Barker on drums. The group has released an album of the same name, as well as a download-only EP known as *Fine Wires Humming a New Song*. That same year, he collaborated once again with former XTC bandmate Barry Andrews on the *Shriekback* album *Glory Bumps*. In 2008, Partridge began working on an album with Robyn Hitchcock and Mike Keneally, and various solo projects.

In 2010, Partridge released a limited edition CD of music inspired by science fiction illustrator Richard M. Powers' art titled *Powers*. In 2012, Partridge's worked with Mike Keneally on the album *Wing Beat Fantastic*, a Mike Keneally release where 8 of the songs were co-written with Partridge. In 2016, he wrote a song "You Bring the Summer" for the Monkees' 50th anniversary album *Good Times* in 2016. In 2017, he guested on the Downes Braide Association's *Skyscraper Souls* from Geoff Downes and Chris Braide.

Partridge was a regular performer on BBC Radio 1 in the mid-1980s. He has had acting roles, including a character named "Agony Andy", a spoof aunt on the Janice Long show, and he was a regular panellist on both *Roundtable* and *The Great Rock'n'Roll Trivia Quiz*. He has also presented the pilot for an ITV children's quiz show, *Matchmakers*.





Partridge and his ex-wife Marianne have two children, Harry and Holly. Harry is an animator, with one of his better-known animations being the comedic short Saturday Morning Watchmen

Since his divorce, Partridge has been in a long-term relationship with Erica Wexler. Multiple songs written by Partridge, including "Another Satellite" and "Seagulls Screaming Kiss Her, Kiss Her" have been attributed by Partridge to aspects of their ongoing relationship. Partridge met Wexler in 1984, shortly after she had split from artist Roy Lichtenstein.

Partridge revealed that he was a keen designer of board games. He has stated on his website that he is an atheist.

Partridge has cited the Monkees, Brian Wilson, Burt Bacharach, Paul McCartney, and Ray Davies as personal influences. He has also stated that he is a fan of Captain Beefheart.

Partridge has been cited as an influence by John Frusciante of Red Hot Chili Peppers in a 2002 issue of Total Guitar magazine, as well as being cited as an influence on the sound of the Red Hot Chili Peppers' album By the Way

Singer and multi-instrumentalist Steven Wilson named Partridge one of his favourite songwriters of all time: "What I love about Andy's music is that every song he writes has a very strong concept or idea behind it. He's not just rattling off love songs or songs about how lonely he is. Every song has a little twist to it, and it's so clever, so smart. Wilson's favourite XTC albums are Drums and Wires and Black Sea.

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