



ANDY GRIFFITH TIMELINE

June 1, 1926: Born in Mount Airy, N.C., the only child of Geneva and Carl Lee Griffith, and named Andy Samuel Griffith
 1941: Inspired to play the trombone after seeing *Birth of the Blues* at local movie theater
 May 30, 1944: Graduated from Mount Airy High School
 Summer 1944: Enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a sociology major in preparation for becoming a Moravian preacher
 Summers 1946-1953: Performed various roles in *The Lost Colony* on Roanoke Island, N.C.
 June 1949: Graduated from the University of North Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music
 1949: Married to Barbara Edwards (divorced 1972)
 1949-1952: Worked as a music and drama teacher at Goldsboro (N.C.) High School
 November 1953: Release of "What It Was, Was Football" on the Colonial Records label
 Mar. 15, 1955: *The United States Steel Hour: No Time for Sergeants*, as Will Stockdale
 Summer 1955: Florida concert tour with country star Ferlin Husky and a promising new performer, Elvis Presley
 Oct. 20, 1955: Broadway premiere of *No Time for Sergeants*, as Will Stockdale (Received Theatre World Award in 1956 for Outstanding Debut of a Performer and Tony Award nomination for Best Featured Actor in a Play)
 May 28, 1957: Premiere of *A Face in the Crowd*, as Larry "Lonesome" Rhodes...
 1958: Andy and Barbara adopt son Andy Samuel Griffith, Jr., born in December 1957
 May 29, 1958: Premiere of feature film version of *No Time for Sergeants*, as Will Stockdale.
 1959: Nominated for Grammy Award for Best Comedy Performance—Spoken Word for *Hamlet*
 Apr. 23, 1959: Broadway premiere of *Destry Rides Again*, as Destry (Received Tony Award nomination for Best Actor in a Musical)
 1960: Andy and Barbara adopt daughter Dixie Nann Griffith, born in September 1959
 Oct. 3, 1960: Series premiere of *The Andy Griffith Show* (249 episodes and eight seasons), as Sheriff Andy Taylor



1968: Received National Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews
 1969: Premiere of *Angel in My Pocket*, as the Reverend Samuel D. Whitehead
 1969: Received Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts from Florida Southern College
 1970: Series premiere of *The Headmaster*, as Andy Thompson
 1971: Series premiere of *The New Andy Griffith Show*, as Andy Sawyer
 1975: Premiere of *Hearts of the West*, as Howard Pike
 1975: Theater (formerly the auditorium for Rockford Street Grammar School) renamed Andy Griffith Playhouse in Mount Airy, N.C.
 Apr. 21, 1976: Star unveiled on the Hollywood Walk of Fame
 1976: Telecast of *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, as The Father
 1978: Received Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of North Carolina
 1979: Series premiere of *Salvage*, as Harry Broderick
 1981: Premiere telecast of *Murder in Texas*, as Ash Robinson (Nominated for Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Limited Series or a Special)
 1983: Premiere telecast of *Murder in Coweta County*, as John Wallace
 Apr. 2, 1983: Married to Cindi Knight
 1983: Received North Carolina Award for Fine Arts
 1984: Premiere telecast of *Fatal Vision*, as Victor Worheide
 1985: Premiere of *Rustlers' Rhapsody*, as Colonel Ticonderoga
 1985: Premiere telecast *Crime of Innocence*, as Judge Julius Sullivan
 1986: Premiere telecast of *Diary of a Perfect Murder*, as Ben Matlock
 1986: *Under the Influence*, as Noah Talbot
 Apr. 13, 1986: Premiere telecast of *Return to Mayberry*, as Andy Taylor
 Sept. 20, 1986: Series premiere of *Matlock* (177 episodes, 1986-1995)
 1987: Received People's Choice Award for Favorite Male Performer in a New Television Program for portrayal of Ben Matlock in *Matlock*
 1992: Received Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Television Programming Executives
 1992: Inducted into Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame in Orlando, Fla.
 1997: Received Grammy Award for Best Southern Gospel, Country Gospel, or Bluegrass Gospel Album for *I Love to Tell the Story—20 Timeless Hymns*
 1999: Nominated for Grammy Award for Best Southern Gospel, Country Gospel, or Bluegrass Gospel Album for *Just As I Am*
 2001: Premiere of *Daddy and Them*, as O.T. Montgomery
 Oct. 16, 2002: Dedication of the Andy Griffith Parkway in Mount Airy, N.C.
 Oct. 28, 2003: Dedication of TV Land Landmark for *The Andy Griffith Show* at Pullen Park in Raleigh, N.C.
 2004: Nominated for Dove Award for Country Album of the Year for *The Christmas Guest* (co-nominee with Marty Stuart)
 2004: Received TV Land Legend Award for *The Andy Griffith Show*
 Sept. 24, 2004: Replica of TV Land Landmark for *The Andy Griffith Show* unveiled in Mount Airy, N.C.
 2005: Received Carolina Performing Arts Lifetime Achievement Award at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill
 2005: Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George W. Bush at the White House
 2007: Premiere of *Waitress*, as Old Joe
 2008: Received Country Music Association Award for Music Video of the Year for "Waitin' on a Woman" with Brad Paisley
 Sept. 26, 2009: Dedication of the Andy Griffith Museum in Mount Airy, N.C.

Discography (Original Releases):

A Face in the Crowd (1957)
Just for Laughs (1958)
Andy Griffith Shouts the Blues and Old Timey Songs (1959)
Destry Rides Again (1959)
This Here Andy Griffith (1959)
Songs, Themes, and Laughs from The Andy Griffith Show (1961)
Andy and Cleopatra (1964)
Somebody Bigger than You and I (1972)
Precious Memories (1995); some tracks partially repackaged as:
I Love to Tell the Story: 25 Timeless Hymns (1996)
Just as I Am: 30 Favorite Old Time Hymns (1998)
The Christmas Guest (2003)

CHILDREN – The Surry Arts Council suggests that children under age 5 are too young to appreciate most performances. A special weekly Living Storybook Series during the summer months has been scheduled especially for children and families. Children and babies must pay full price for all tickets and must have their own seat – regardless of age, unless otherwise specified.

GROUPS – Groups are welcome! The facilities are ADA compliant. Reserved seating in designated sections is available for all events with advance notice unless otherwise specified. Please communicate any special needs and/or requests to the SAC staff in advance of the event. Tour guides and bus drivers are admitted to selected events and to the museum(s) free of charge with groups of 30 or more. Service Animals - Service animals are permitted in the facilities.

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