The Wolf (Andrew W.K. album)

The Wolf is the second studio album by American <u>hard</u> rock musician <u>Andrew W.K.</u>, released on <u>Island Records</u> on <u>September 9</u>, 2003.

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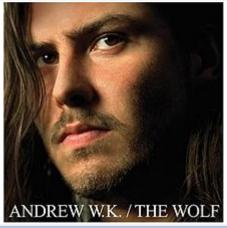
History

In contrast to W.K.'s party-oriented debut, *The Wolf* was a more elaborate and ornate effort, with insightful lyrics and a more melodic sound. This did not stop it from being successful. The album also found W.K. playing all of the instruments on the album, whereas on $\underline{I\ Get\ Wet}$ he split the chore with studio musicians. *The* \underline{Wolf} spawned the singles "Never Let Down" and "Tear It Up".

This album was originally titled *Blow Your Bone*, but the title was deemed "too offensive" by <u>Island Records</u>, so Andrew W.K. opted to use the name *The Wolf*. Cover art was even made with the original title, but it differed from the cover art of *The Wolf*. It is not known whether the album had different material on it, as the only actual thing referencing the title was an ad made just before the album's release. The release date on the ad for *Blow Your Bone* did not change from the date that *The Wolf* was actually released.

The Japan release of *The Wolf* came with a bonus DVD, with behind the scenes footage (mainly shot in Japan) that cannot be found on any other release.

The Wolf



Studio album by Andrew W.K.

Released September 9, 2003

Recorded 2003

Genre Hard rock

Length 43:23

Label Island

Producer Andrew W.K. • John

Fields • <u>Scott</u> Humphrey

Andrew W.K. chronology

Singles from The Wolf

1. "Tear It Up"

Released: July 2003

2. "Never Let Down"

Released: September 2003

3. "Long Live the Party"

Released: 2003 (Japanese-only

release)

DualDisc version

This album was included among a group of 15 <u>DualDisc</u> releases that were test marketed in two cities: Boston and Seattle. The <u>DualDisc</u> has the standard album on one side, and bonus material on the second side.

Track listing

- 1. "Victory Strikes Again" 2:09
- 2. "Long Live the Party" 4:00
- 3. "Tear It Up" 3:55
- 4. "Free Jumps" 3:33
- 5. "Never Let Down" 3:58
- 6. "Your Rules" 2:27
- 7. "The Song" 4:17
- 8. "Make Sex" 0:44
- 9. "Totally Stupid" 4:30
- 10. "Really in Love" 4:42
- 11. "The End of Our Lives" 4:49
- L2. "I Love Music" 4:19

Japanese bonus tracks

- L3. "Party Hard" (live)
- L4. "She Is Beautiful" (live)

Personnel

- Andrew W.K. vocals, guitar, bass, drums, piano, synthesizer
- Ken Andrews guitar (bonus tracks)
- Jimmy Coup guitar (bonus tracks)
- Erik Payne guitar (bonus tracks)
- Frank Werner guitar (bonus tracks)
- Gregg Roberts bass (bonus tracks)
- Donald Tardy drums (bonus tracks)
- Billy Trudel backing vocals (tracks 1, 5, 10, 11)
- Roger Lian editing
- Ryan Boesch engineering, recording
- Howie Weinberg mastering
- Dave Way mixing
- Lior Goldenberg addition mixing and recording

Charts

Professional ratings

Aggregate scores	
Source	Rating
Metacritic	78/100 ^[1]
Review scores	
Source	Rating
AllMusic	***** ^[2]
Alternative Press	3/5 ^[3]
Blender	**** <u>[4]</u>
Chicago Sun-Times	★★★★ [5]
Drowned in Sound	**** <u>[6]</u>
Entertainment Weekly	B+[7]
Q	**** <u>[8]</u>
Rolling Stone	***** <u>[9]</u>
<u>Spin</u>	B[10]
The Village Voice	C+ ^[11]

Chart (2003)	Peak position
Japan (<u>Oricon</u>) ^[12]	14
UK Albums (OCC)[13]	152
US <u>Billboard</u> 200[14]	61

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