

Andrae Murchison

*Known for his mellow-tone; trombonist, composer, bandleader, and poet **Andrae Murchison** is a native of Savannah, Georgia, where he first discovered music at church with his grandparents and mother. AM composes and plays music from his heart and soul, and remains faithful to his spiritual foundation. He documents the time through prayer, testimony, and revelation while conversing with the elders and honoring the ancestors. Focusing on delivering a message of grace and truth, AM's music navigates through the roots of negro spirituals, the body of soul R&B, and the mind of jazz improvisation, harmony, and rhythm. AM earned his academia degrees from Oberlin Conservatory (BA), and Queens College Aaron Copland School of Music (MM) where he was mentored by Steve Turre and Robin Eubanks.*

After completing his formal studies, AM toured the world intensively while serving as trombonist with The Skatalites, Abdullah Ibrahim and Ekaya, and The Duke Ellington Orchestra for over a decade. AM has also worked with Roy Hargrove, The Count Basie Orchestra, The Lionel Hampton Orchestra, The Trombone Summit with Slide Hampton and Curtis Fuller, Ravi Coltrane, Monty Alexander, and Dr. Lonnie Smith.

AM resided in New York City for 14 years and recorded his first full length album Morning Time at Leon Lee Dorsey studio in Manhattan. While maintaining a successful career as a freelance musician, he also leads his own ensemble called Murch Church. Murch Church has featured some of the most talented and respected artist in the world such as Gregory Porter, Sharp Radway, Corcoran Holt, Jerome Jennings, Emanuel Harrold, Zem Audu, Freddie Hendrix, Keyon Harrold, McClenty Hunter, Jonathan Blake, Mazz Swift, Belden Bullock, Parker McAllister, Brian Cockerham, Stantawn Kendrick, Jay Gandhi, TW Sample, Brian Williams, LeShawn Thomas, Kevin Smith, Henry Connerway, and daughter Savannah Grace. Andrae Murchison cultivates a mission for soul salvation, while sharing the gift of music to heal the land and uplift the nation.