

## **Andrew Neil Interview- a fan friendly format**

### **Interview Guide: Mary Wood**

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My challenges both in mental health and as a cancer survivor have made me vulnerable which translates into an authenticity in my songwriting and marks my music. I firmly believe that all of us share a collective soul. When I tap my soul, I'm able to make music that people can relate to.

When in a psychiatric hospital, I wrote over 400 songs. In music I am never ashamed and have pushed through my challenges by always keeping hope.

In my free time I like reading biographies of folks. I am interested in, taking long walks, drawing and also enjoy cooking food for loved ones as well as watching hockey games!

I have many favorite bands, musicians and genres, I really like Bob Marley, Elliot Smith, Nick Drake, Nirvana, Jimi Hendrix, Miles Davis, Michael Jackson, Tupac, to name a few. I also enjoy classical music and admire these artists because I get lost in their visions, my worries fade away and realise I am not alone.

My music is considered to be within the realm of, "Outsider Music." Outsider Music is comprised of artists who have a very unique vision that is expressed in the tunes they create. I feel humbled being ranked up there with other artists and inspired by their attitudes to their craft.

Making music to me is a gift, a blessing, a curse - it is a labour of love that ultimately brings folks together. I love writing songs and try to be a good steward of my talent.

Collaborating with Tiezzi, a band from Richmond, Virginia, on, *Lying To Myself*, was a blast! We have a great working relationship and recognise, "the divine," within both of us.

I have a big show coming up in a couple of months and will be an opening act for Raelyn Nelson. Also, I will start collaborating with Dillan Norback and Tiezzi. In addition, I will also record songs at my home studio – Hawksnest.

To my fans, thanks for your love and support, I wouldn't be here without you all!

You are beautiful people!