

Andrew Papas

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Singer, actor, TV presenter, radio host, content creator and now, professional chef - the term "triple threat" doesn't even begin to describe performer Andrew Papas.

Andrew's list of career achievements would make for an exhausting read for someone decades into their career, let alone an under-30.

Born in South Africa, Andrew's family emigrated to NZ when he was eight and settled on Auckland's North Shore.

The stage called to Andrew at a young age; he has been appearing in theatre, in on-stage musicals and hosting TV shows throughout his teens and 20s, including roles in *Evita*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*, *Disco Inferno*, *High School Musical*, *Grease* and *Aladdin*. He has also hosted *Sticky TV* as a core presenter and several radio shows.

A self-described perfectionist who is "always on a mission," Andrew is excited by new projects, so when the opportunity came up to audition for a spot in a new band, Andrew jumped at the chance.

The 2012 competition run by The Edge radio station selected six of NZ's most talented male singers to form the super-group, Titanium. They became a record-breaking pop band, whose melodic harmonies and power-packed vocals helped them win over the country.

During his time in Titanium, Andrew completed two sold-out nationwide tours with the band; opened for international artists Mariah Carey, Jason Derulo, Hot Chelle Rae, Will I Am and Cher Lloyd; achieved two gold-selling albums and performed the USA national anthem in New York at the world famous Madison Square Garden, for the game between New York Knicks and Boston Celtics.

And a record-breaking music career was not all Andrew got out of his time in the band – he began



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crossing paths regularly with ZM Breakfast DJ Queen Megan Sellers during this period, and the rest, as they say, is history (she is now Megan Papas)!

Since announcing his departure from Titanium in December 2015, Andrew launched his solo career with his debut single "Burn It Down", debuting at #1 on the NZ Heatseeker charts; "Troublemaker" reached #2; "Magical" debuting at #4 on the Hot 20 NZ Singles Chart and the song "Girl" debuted at #20 on the Official NZ Top 40 charts.

He now juggles his exciting solo career with running Beaufort and Co, a café full-to-the-brim with his delicious creations (the doughnuts are legendary), in Oteha that he co-owns with Megan.

Andrew is also in high demand as a content creator, having worked with brands including Spark, Adidas, GHD, Politix Menswear, Rotorua Tourism, Wellington Tourism, Sky City Breakers, Uplift Fitness Boutique, Jetts Fitness, Barkers Groom Room and The Market.

Andrew and Megan live in Auckland with their gorgeous Bichon Griffon cross Leo; in his downtime he loves cooking and fitness in equal amounts; going for bush walks, watching movies, plays and musicals; traveling and learning about new cultures. Andrew is especially passionate about preventing animal cruelty.

He brings his performer's passion to whatever role he is undertaking – whether it's broadcasting, hosting/MCing, voice-work or content creation - all delivered with his trademark positivity and natural warmth.