

Willie Nile Recent Press as of 9/9/13

Rolling Stone/Yahoo Music – American Ride Album Review

"Nile's been on his own, releasing high-quality, adventurous albums filled with sharp, surprisingly mature songwriting and playing, surfacing now and again, and, most importantly, never losing the spark that made him stand out so notably in his early days. I'd say this new set is more of the same, but that doesn't sound like a compliment, and it's meant to. He rocks, he sings, he plays guitar, and he writes songs as if he's got something to say: that's one more than a trifecta, and it's better than most performers in 2013 have to offer by far. And maybe you should find out for yourself."

<http://www.rollingstone.com/music/news/india-arie-hey-she-s-great-20130625>

London Times- Willie Nile Feature Article

"A man who embodies the true spirit of rock n' roll...Willie Nile"

http://concreteplanet.com/assets/WillieNile_SundayTimes_5.19.13.pdf

Hits Daily Double- American Ride Album Review

"It feels like you've been on a voyage with a wizened troubadour as your guide. He may not be the next Bruce Springsteen, Elvis Costello or Graham Parker, but he remains the only Willie Nile, and on the basis of American Ride, that has proven to be more than enough."

<http://www.hitsdailydouble.com/news/newsPage.cgi?news09515m01>

Washington Examiner- American Ride Album Review

See that bright light? That's Willie Nile's star rising. And it's about time! The 12 songs on "American Ride" will hopefully bring Nile the well-deserved recognition he has earned. Just listen to the title track of his new album, a mix of gritty, acoustic Bob Dylan, funky Ramones and everyman Springsteen. Nile clearly knows his art.

<http://washingtonexaminer.com/willie-nile-takes-rock-on-an-american-ride/article/2531362>

New York Music Daily- American Ride Album Review

"Yet Another Great Album From the Unstoppable Willie Nile... He's been the gold standard for hard-hitting, anthemic, edgy, lyrical four-on-the-floor rock for literally decades."

<http://newyorkmusicdaily.wordpress.com/2013/06/22/willienile/>

London Daily Mirror (UK)- American Ride Album Review

"Four Stars! Tough, combative rebel rock...brims and swaggers with clarity and urgency of purpose."

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&ik=534b12362e&view=att&th=13f767179e3e0a80&attid=0.1&disp=emb&zw&atsh=1>

Relix Magazine- American Ride Song Review

"Nile says this is the strongest material he has ever recorded and there's little room for argument"

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Record-Journal- American Ride Album Review

"One of the best rockers of the past three decades...some of the best work of his career...Nile takes on "Holy War" with an experienced grudge that no newcomers could pull off."

<http://jpsmusicblog.blogspot.com/2013/06/cd-review-willie-nile-takes-out-his.html>

Uncut Magazine- American Ride Song Review

"The title track from the eighth album by the veteran, Springsteen endorsed NYC songwriter is a widescreen, state-of-the-nation epic"

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Uncut Magazine- American Ride Album Review

"Nile's river of song runs as deep as it's wide" - 8 out of 10 Rating

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American Music News- American Ride Album Review

"35 years on, Nile is making some of the most ambitious and rewarding music of his career....We'll have what Willie Nile is having"

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American Music News- American Ride Album Review

"American Ride is a '79 Mercury Cougar with four carburetors and two straight exhausts, burnin' aviation fuel no matter the cost."

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All Music Guide- American Ride Album Review

"He has stubbornly, even fiercely, clung to the gritty mantle of roots rock & roll; and why not? When you write song this well, there's no reason for compromise."

"There isn't a weak track in the bunch, but you could stack up its first six against almost anything in vernacular that been released since 1975's 'Born To Run' ". - 4 out of 5 stars

<http://www.allmusic.com/album/american-ride-mw0002540208>

Something Else! Reviews- American Ride Album Review

"it's like Dylan sitting in with the Replacements...A codification for his lasting rebel cool."

<http://somethingelserreviews.com/2013/06/22/willie-nile-american-ride-2013>

American Songwriter- American Ride Album Review

"Nile delivers one of his finest and most passionate projects with American Ride. The disc pools his widescreen urban Springsteen influences with a Petty-ish knack for melody and wonderfully catchy choruses."

"Springsteen, Pete Townsend, Lucinda Williams and dozens of tuned in critics have all sung Willie Nile's praises. Now it's your turn."

<http://www.americansongwriter.com/2013/06/willie-nile-american-ride/>

American Songwriter- "Willie Nile: Third Time Lucky" (Editorial)

"You know, they were comparing me to Springsteen and Dylan. I'm not Bruce, I'm not Bob; I'm Willie."

<http://www.americansongwriter.com/2013/07/willie-nile-third-time-lucky/>

Jam! Showbiz- American Ride Album Review

"Those who appreciate his ability to move between Springsteenish heartland rock and Dylanesque folk troubadourism should definitely catch this ride..."

<http://jam.canoe.ca/Music/2013/06/20/20915296.html?cid=rssentertainment>

Elmore Magazine- American Ride News Break

"The moment that Willie has been working toward his entire career."

<http://www.elmoremagazine.com/2013/04/music-news/willie-nile-announces-new-album-american-ride>

Blogcritics- American Ride Album Review

"Willie Nile is one of those rare people who makes you feel better about the world just by talking to them.... His new release, American Ride, will be available near the end of this month, and after listening to it you'll understand why so many people appreciate him. What you may not understand is why you haven't heard his music before."

<http://blogcritics.org/willie-nile-the-best-musician-youve-never-heard-of-yet/>

When You Motor Away...-American Ride Album Review

"Roots, punk, folk and big city wall of sound flavor American Ride, the new album from veteran rocker Willie Nile. It's a terrific journey....A triumphant return for an American original."

<http://whentheyoumotoraway.blogspot.com/2013/06/review-willie-nile-american-ride.html>

Read Junk- "Willie Nile at Joe's Pub" (Live review)

"...outstanding to say the least. Even if you don't know any songs, you will by the end of the night. Seeing his shows at Joe's Pub is a must if you live in New York City! I just wish I saw more of his shows sooner."

<http://www.readjunk.com/reviews/livereviews/willie-nile-joes-pub-nyc/>

The Alternate Root- “One Guitar” # 21 of The Top 50 Songs about the State of Our Union

“Willie Nile's One Guitar is an anthem to the power of music, the effectiveness of non-violent protest and the change that can come from getting up off your ass and getting involved! It's about rising up, no matter what put you down.

<http://www.thealternateroot.com/what-s-trending/1128-the-american-condition-in-50-songs>

The Alternate Root- American Ride Album Review

“American Ride is a star that rests comfortably on top of Willie Nile's career spanning album output.”

<http://www.thealternateroot.com/new-and-noteworthy/198-heavy-rotation/1411-willie-nile-american-ride>

Roots and Branches- American Ride Album Review

“...three years later comes his eighth studio offering, one that finds him fully energised, rocking and positive. And, of course, drawing comparisons to Dylan, Springsteen and The Clash.”

<http://www.roots-and-branches.com/record-reviews-june-2013.html>

OnStage Magazine- Tireless Visionary: Discovering Willie Nile (Essay)

“The lucky few who got tickets to the show came away knowing exactly why Townshend, Springsteen, McGuinn, Petty, Ringo, and many more have Willie Nile in their iPods.”

<http://www.onstagemagazine.com/tireless-visionary-discovering-willie-nile/#comment-101>

OnStage Magazine- One-on-One with Singer/Songwriter Willie Nile (Interview)

“A prolific songwriter and energetic performer...,Nile has long been revered by musical peers such as Elvis Costello, Bono, Bruce Springsteen, Lucinda Williams, Pete Townshend, Ringo Starr, Jakob Dylan and more.”

<http://www.onstagemagazine.com/one-on-one-with-willie-nile/>

OnStage Magazine- Willie Nile's American Ride #1 on Billboard Heatseekers Chart

“Critically-acclaimed veteran New York singer/songwriter Willie Nile's new album, American Ride, has debuted at #1 on the Billboard Heatseekers/Top New Artist Albums chart... not bad for an artist who just celebrated his 65th birthday!”

<http://www.onstagemagazine.com/willie-niles-american-ride-bows-at-1-on-billboard-heatseekers-chart/>

Stereophile- “Willie Nile: the Bard on Bleecker” (Online feature)

“...[fans] connect to his blend of Springsteen-styled populist lyrics, whispery Dylan-like voice, sing-along choruses, and his ever-present, very distinct Gotham state of mind. It's easy to marvel at the amount of energy Nile expends and the fun he's clearly having...”

<http://www.stereophile.com/content/willie-nile-bard-bleecker>

3rd Coast Music- American Ride Album Review

"Nile's reputation is as a rock & roller, a true believer in urgency, vigor, black jeans and four chords."

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No Depression- American Ride Album Review

"Like a fine wine, some artists seem to get better and more prolific with age as Nile's resume' can attest."

<http://www.nodepression.com/profiles/blogs/take-a-ride-with-a-new-record-from-willie-nile>

Glide Magazine- American Ride Album Review (8/10 Stars)

"[Nile] strikes a perfect balance between the sonic aesthetics of both legendary venues with a collection of gritty, graceful songs that offer perhaps his strongest display of songwriting since his enigmatic 1980 debut."

<http://www.glidemagazine.com/38316/willie-nile-american-ride/>

Seattlepi- American Ride Album Review

"His new release, American Ride, will be available near the end of this month, and after listening to it you'll understand why so many people appreciate him. What you may not understand is why you haven't heard his music before."

<http://www.seattlepi.com/lifestyle/blogcritics/article/Willie-Nile-The-Best-Musician-You-ve-Never-4596234.php>

Nippertown- Willie Nile (Live review)

"Given a two-minute standing ovation, Nile and his band had no choice but to return for two more."

<http://www.nippertown.com/2013/06/18/live-willie-nile-wamc-fms-the-linda-6113/>

Ann Arbor- Willie Nile (Interview)

"The Buffalo, New York native has gone the fan-funded route on his independently released new album, "American Ride," a bracing set of rock and roll tunes in the tradition of Springsteen and Seger."

http://www.annarbor.com/entertainment/willie-nile/?cmpid=RSS_link_entertainment

The Buffalo News- American Ride Album Review

"It's an Americana mini-epic."

<http://www.buffalonews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130620/GUSTO/130629957/1031>

KDHX- Song of the Day: 'American Ride'

"American Ride" by Willie Nile takes in more places, spaces and stories than you'd think could ever be expressed in a single, great rock 'n' roll song."

<http://kdhx.org/music/news/song-of-the-day-american-ride-by-willie-nile>

Journalstar- American Ride Album Review

"It may indeed be Willie's time."

http://journalstar.com/entertainment/music/album-reviews/willie-nile-american-ride/article_9dd56232-3cad-5c6d-893f-010a4224f2e3.html

Rascal's Fair- American Ride Album Review

"This is a Willie Nile disc through and through, loud in his way, fast and it rocks hard all the way through. The songwriting is crisp and sharp with some of the best songs he has done in awhile, showing his growth."

<http://www.rascalsfair.com/html/n/NileWillieAmericanRide.html>

ALT Sounds- American Ride (News story)

"Willie Nile is currently in the midst of a creative renaissance that's produced some of the most compelling music of his 35-year career."

http://hangout.altsounds.com/news/159747-willie-nile-set-release-album-american-ride.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Huffington Post- American Ride: A Conversation with Willie Nile (Interview)

*"Anyone who's paid attention to his recent output knows that **Willie Nile** is currently in the midst of a creative renaissance that's produced some of the most compelling music of his 35-year career."*

http://hangout.altsounds.com/news/159747-willie-nile-set-release-album-american-ride.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Huffington Post- "One Guitar" Track Review

"One Guitar" is a song about what one guitar and one voice can do to help make things better in this world. Even if it's just a small step forward it's worth it."

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/mike-ragogna/emuberjam-deuxem-a-conver_b_3732206.html

Q Magazine (UK)- American Ride Album Review

"Warhorse on good form..he's got everything going for him."

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&ik=534b12362e&view=att&th=13f817f6eb0c9536&attid=0.1&disp=emb&zw&atsh=1>

Blurt- American Ride Album Review

"With American Ride, Willie Nile ascends to the uppermost tier of the most revered American musicians and esteemed populist pundits, an elite and exclusive circle of venerable troubadours whose numbers include Springsteen, Dylan, Forgerty, Petty and Mellencamp."

"American Ride resounds like a victory cry - urgent, enduring and unfailingly affecting."
<http://blurtonline.com/review/willie-nile-american-ride/>

Blurt- On the Right Path: Willie Nile (Interview)

"His enthusiasm is obvious, due in part to the fact that it's a set of songs that tout Nile's New York City environs and the latest in a series of seemingly autobiographical offerings that relays a personal perspective on a life that lately has been well lived."
<http://blurtonline.com/feature/on-the-right-path-willie-nile/>

Pop Dose- Willie Nile (Concert Preview, Interview)

"Going to see a Willie Nile concert in 2013 is a no-risk proposition. If you walk away unsatisfied, the man of the hour himself has offered to refund the cost of your ticket... I'd call it a success and then some, because not only was it a killer show, I certainly didn't see anybody asking Nile to open his wallet."
<http://popdose.com/the-matt-n-jeff-radio-hour-episode-24-willie-nile/>

Fairfield Sun- Willie Nile (Concert Preview)

"Conjuring the singer songwriter elements of Bob Dylan, Elvis Costello, mixed with a touch of rock-a-billy and the gritty punk rock sound of the Ramones, Nile's style of musicianship is renowned and a must see for any music fan."
<http://www.fairfield-sun.com/15871/american-musician-and-troubadour-willie-nile-performs-at-the-fairfield-theatre-co-sept-9/>

Michael Doherty's Music Log- American Ride Album Review

"We're not even through June, so it's maybe a bit early to talk about the best albums of the year. But certainly "American Ride" will land on my list of top ten albums of 2013."
<http://michaelsmusiclog.blogspot.com/2013/06/willie-nile-american-ride-2013-cd-review.html>

Riffraf.- Willie Nile (Interview)

"With the release of his latest album, American Ride, Willie Nile's career has definitely reached new heights."
<http://www.riffraf.net/2013/06/indie-spotlight-willie-nile/>

New Jersey Herald- Willie Nile (Interview)

"I've opened for The Who across the U.S. after my first album came out. I've been on stage singing with Bruce Springsteen at Giants Stadium in front of 70,000 raving Bruce fans. I've toured and got to sing 'I Get By With A Little Help From My Friends' with Ringo Starr. I get to travel around the world with my band playing concerts in amazing places. I've been blessed beyond my wildest dreams."
<http://www.njherald.com/story/23086348/nile-to-headline-wnti-stage-festival>

The Sacramento Bee (via POPMATTERS)- American Ride Syndicated Album Review

"With "American Ride," Willie Nile joins their ranks and proves he can do it just as well as the best of them, sometimes better- Springsteen included."

<http://www.sacbee.com/2013/06/25/5523298/sound-affects-music-reviews-and.html>

Classic Rock Revisited- American Ride Album Review / Rating: "A" (must own)

"The bottom line here is that Willie done good. An American Ride? Indeed, and what a ride it is! From acoustic ballads, to open road rockers, to loud distorted guitar licks, An American Ride reaches out and grabs the listener, not letting them go...which is more than cool as this music gets better with each listen. In the process, Willie's music becomes our own, touching our emotions and making the songs belong to all of us, which, as an artist, is all one can ask."

http://www.classicrockrevisited.com/show_review.php?id=1119

Cool Cleveland- American Ride (Preview)

"Willie Nile was one of a host of talented blue-collar rockers being touted as "the next Springsteen." He certainly had some of that same aura, with his Dylanesque vocals and lyrics that injected a streak of romanticism into their unflinching look at heartbreak and hard times. Nile had a folkier, more intimate style though."

<http://www.coolcleveland.com/blog/2013/06/80s-rocker-willie-nile-returns-to-the-road/>

Examiner.com- Willie Nile (Feature)

"So is Nile, but one not so secret to admirers like Bruce Springsteen and Bono, and to Loud & Proud Records president Tom Lipsky, who is making sure American Ride is the first Nile album since 1991 to have major label distribution."

<http://www.examiner.com/article/willie-nile-still-a-true-believer>

Country Standard Time- American Ride Album Review

"The most arresting tune isn't a rocker or an ode to NYC, however, but the midtempo love song She's Got My Heart, which offers up Nile as a lost link between Springsteen and Dylan, with a bit of Jackson Browne's SoCal sound to polish things to a mellow sheen."

<http://www.countrystandardtime.com/d/cdreview.asp?xid=5153>

Journal Sentinel- American Ride (New CD in store)

"Latest record from veteran New York (state) rocker maintains his late-period reputation for tight quality with roots, volume, guts and street smarts."

<http://www.jsonline.com/entertainment/musicandnightlife/new-cds-in-stores-this-week-b9938333z1-212690221.html>

PopMatters- 20 Questions with Willie Nile (interview)

"In your mind's ear, set that kind of pointed poetry to the punk-influenced sounds of Jim Carroll, Joey Ramone and Johnny Thunders, add some "Kramer-like hair", as Graham Parker observed, and you've got Willie Nile."

<http://www.popmatters.com/pm/feature/173597-20-questions-willie-nile/>

Dagger Zine- American Ride Album Review

"The batch of 12 songs on AMERICAN RIDE is terrific. A healthy mix of styles and tempos from inspiring rockers (ala Springsteen) like "This is Our Time" and "Life on Bleecker Street" to nifty hoe-downs like "God Laughs" to more spare, folky tunes like "She's Got My Heart."

http://www.daggerzine.com/reviews_main.html

Twangville- American Ride Album Review

"Compelling album . . . high energy rock songs and touching ballads. He's done it again with the American Ride, the latest addition to the Nile canon."

<http://twangville.com/16029/mayers-playlist-for-july-and-august-2013-part-1/>

The Morton Report- American Ride Album Review

"The man takes his place next to Bruce Springsteen, John Fogerty, Neil Young and Lou Reed as living American musical heroes."

<http://www.themortonreport.com/entertainment/music/bentleys-bandstand-mavis-staples-willie-nile-merry-clayton/>

The Morton Report- American Ride Album Review

"They're working-class anthems, reaffirming that life is ours for the taking regardless of age or social status. "If I Ever See the Light" storms forth like some forgotten Springsteen epic, with Nile promising to "put his fist right through" that proverbial light should he ever witness it."

<http://www.themortonreport.com/entertainment/music/music-review-willie-nile-american-ride/>

Earbuddy- American Ride Album Review

"Willie Nile is what would have happened if Bob Dylan would have spent time with the Sex Pistols instead of the Beatles." - 8.5 out of 10 rating

<http://www.earbuddy.net/31523/willie-nile-american-ride.html/reviews>

Lone Star Music Magazine- American Ride Album Review

"There's plenty of folks up there in New York and over in Europe who are similarly shocked to hear a Texan ask "Willie who? Willie Nillie?" when told of a songwriter who is every bit the American master as Springsteen, Fogerty, Petty and, yes, Escovedo all are."

http://www.lonestarmusic.com/magazine/mag_html/July13/lone_star_music_reviews.html#willie

Irish Central- American Ride Album Review

"Nile's catchy rock melodies and insightful lyrics make him a songwriter's songwriter. His high-profile fans include Bruce Springsteen, with whom he's guested onstage on multiple occasions, and Pete Townshend, who personally requested him as the opening act on the Who's 1982 U.S. tour."

http://www.irishcentral.com/story/ent/off_the_record/willie-niles-sweet-american-ride---video--216320251.html

The Rocker- American Ride Album Review

“There is a vim and a vigour which commands your attention. Across 12 tracks he puts the world to rights with a traditional verse – chorus – verse that hooks you in and holds on tight.”

<http://therocker65.wordpress.com/2013/07/30/reviews-roundup-willie-nile-vs-tom-russell-vs-ray-vaughan/>

Hyperbolium- American Ride Album Review

“There are many musicians who age gracefully, deepening their music over time, but few who manage to retain the passion of their early years amid spouses, children, mortgages and other accoutrements of middle age. Neil Young’s done it, Bruce Springsteen too, and Willie Nile may have topped them both with his latter-day vitality.”

<http://www.hyperbolium.com/2013/07/11/willie-nile-american-ride/>

NJ.com- Willie Nile (Concert Preview)

“Anyone who’s paid attention to Willie’s recent output knows that he is currently in the midst of a creative renaissance that’s produced some of the most compelling music of his 35-year career.”

http://www.nj.com/suburbannews/index.ssf/2013/08/willie_nile_to_perform_at_ucpa.html

Mimi Vanderhaven- American Ride Album Review

“It’s pretty rockin’... There are songs about the rights of man, songs about freedom, songs about love and hate, songs about loss, songs about God and the absence of God, and songs about standing up for your fellow man. It’s upbeat and full of life.”

Before the Concert- Private Performance

<http://www.beforetheconcert.com/videos/episode-13-willie-nile/>

Val’s List- Featured Artists

“As a result of being “in the midst of a creative renaissance,” Nile has produced an album filled with 11 of his best songs to date. If you have never listened to Willie Nile before, now is a great time to start.”

http://valslist.com/featured_artists