



# SCOTT AGSTER THE PURPLE SAMURAI 2025 EP ALBUM

**(Trombonist, Composer, Educator) SCOTT AGSTER** moved to Minneapolis in 2005 to study at the University of Minnesota. The city quickly became his new adopted home. He currently writes music for and plays with groups including: Salsa del Soul, Urban Classic, CoMingl, KAJ Productions, Adam Bohanan, and the Minneapolis Funk All-Stars. Some career highlights include touring with the Doc Severinsen Orchestra, Davina and the Vagabonds, and the Minneapolis-based Neo Soul group Nooky Jones. Scott has nothing but love for Minneapolis.

**NATIONAL STREET DATE: December 30, 2025**



**MINNEAPOLIS HORN POWER** is Scott's celebration of the Minneapolis music scene. The project features a five-piece funk horn section resting on top of a rhythm section made up of musicians who have and are still shaping the sound of Minneapolis music. Scott is releasing interviews with the artists and music videos that feature them throughout 2025.

**The Purple Samurai EP 2025** is a concept album created in collaboration with Toki Wright. Each of the instrumental tracks was given to Toki for his artistic lyricism. The songs on this album have the bones of a New Orleans brass band horn section over classic, R&B, Funk, and Reggae grooves.

## TRACK LIST

1. The Purple Samurai (Toki Wright Version) - 3:05
2. Against The Grain (Toki Wright Version) - 3:01
3. The Strings That Combine Us (Toki Wright Version) - 2:51
4. The Purple Samurai - 3:04
5. Against The Grain - 2:44
6. The Strings That Combine Us - 3:09

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**Feature Solo By: Geoff LeCrone**

**ORIGINAL STREET DATE: December 30, 2025**

*Both the Original version & The Toki Wright version.*

**The Purple Samurai is an homage to classic Anime** like Cowboy Bebop or Samurai Champloo. It answers the question, "What do you get when you mix throwback grooves with a 5-piece horn section, a famous anime series, and a world-class wordsmith?"

I texted Toki Wright during my 2023 New Year's Eve gig, asking if he would be interested in writing lyrics to my new song, which was inspired by the anime series of Shinichiro Watanabe. Before my gig was done, he had a rough demo worked out that captured the Cowboy Bebop theme.

Geoff LeCrone's guitar solo at the end perfectly captured that classic anime vibe I was modeling after.

### **The Purple Samurai Personnel**

Toki Wright - Vocals & Lyrics | Andrina Brogden - Backing Vocals | Breasha Turner - Backing Vocals  
T Mychael Rambo - Voiceover | Adam Meckler - Trumpet | Alex Browne - Trumpet  
Scott Agster - Trombone | Cody LeDuc - Trombone | Brooklynne Audette - Bass Trombone  
Geoff LeCrone - Guitar | Ryan Butler - Bass | Peter Stuntman - Drums | Frank Rivery - Percussion

Recording & Mixing Jason McGlone | Recording - Keith Kopatz | Mastering - Rob Schlette  
Videography & Video Production - Aaron Levin | Videography - Matt Ebso  
Album Art & Design - Mamadu

\*\*\* Purple Samurai is FCC Clean \*\*\*



**Feature Solos By: Scott Agster & Adam Meckler**

**ORIGINAL STREET DATE: September 3, 2025**

**Toki Wright Version STREET DATE: September 24, 2025**

Sometimes the only way to create a better world is to travel **Against the Grain**.

The song begins as a Reggae instrumental with a New Orleans Brass Band horn section over the top. It features some heavily effected organ sounds from Tommy Barbarella and a LoFi treatment from mixing engineer, Jason McGlone.

Adam Meckler and I added some solos dripping with effects on this one.

### **Against The Grain Personnel**

Adam Meckler - Trumpet | Alex Browne - Trumpet  
Scott Agster - Trombone | Cody LeDuc - Trombone | Brooklynne Aubette - Bass Trombone  
Geoff LeCrone - Guitar | Tommy Barbarella - Keys | Ryan Butler - Bass | Pete Suttman - Drums

Recording & Mixing Jason McGlone | Recording - Keith Kopatz | Mastering - Rob Schlette  
Videography & Video Production - Aaron Levin | Videography - Matt Ebso  
Single Artwork by David Witt

\*\*\* Against The Grain is FCC Clean \*\*\*

\*\*\* Against The Grain (Toki Wright Version) contains Explicit Lyrics \*\*\*



**ORIGINAL STREET DATE: July 9, 2025**

**Toki Wright Version STREET DATE: August 13, 2025**

**The Strings That Combine Us** is a song about how we are connected in so many different ways. People from opposite sides of the world have many of the same hopes and dreams.

This one features Ernest Bisong, an amazing contemporary violinist who was raised in Lagos, Nigeria. This track also features percussion work by Frank Rivery, who moved here from Cuba.

I often think about how lucky I am to have moved across the country to a place where I could make a life in music. I have so many fantastic musician friends here that have uprooted their lives to build something along side me.

**Feature Solo By: Ernest Bisong**

**The Strings That Combine Us Personnel**

Ernest Bisong - Violin | Adam Meckler - Trumpet | Alex Browne - Trumpet  
Scott Agster - Trombone | Cody LeDuc - Trombone | Brooklynne Audette - Bass Trombone  
Geoff LeCrone - Guitar | Tommy Barbarella - Keys | Ryan Butler - Bass  
Pete Suttman - Drums | Frank Rivery - Percussion

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