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## **BAND BIOGRAPHY** 6

The Mad Violinist (Ashanti Floyd) and the Symphony Crack Orchestra are an accomplished band with a unique style that attracts a broad international audience through Pop, Rock, Hip Hop, R&B, Jazz and Alternative Music. In 2011 they released their first album, The Addiction, and soon became a household name among their many loyal fans. The names, Symphony Crack and Addiction, are indicative of the influences and love for music that brought them together. In 2009, after leaving Yelawolf, Ashanti Floyd and guitarist Matt Barrett formed The Symphony Crack Orchestra to create a different, innovative style of music. Floyd and Barrett have co-produced and performed on albums that in the last two years received a combined eight Grammy Award nominations. Both can be heard on Lupe Fiasco's The Show Goes On, which received three nominations. Other Grammy Award nominations were received for Nicki Minaj's I'm the Best, and Fantasia Barinno's album Back To Me.

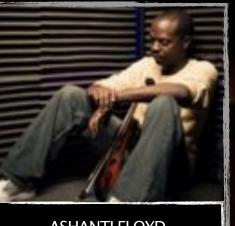
Ashanti Floyd, known as The Mad Violinist, is one of the top violinists, string arrangers, and performers in the country. He picked up his first violin at the age of three with strong inspiration from his mother. Floyd is now musically accomplished in over thirty instruments. He has performed live with B.B. King. He also tours with Lupe Fiasco. Floyd has performed at the BET Awards, MTV Video Music Awards, and on BET's 106 & Park.

The Symphony Crack Orchestra brings an incredible amount of passion into the creation of their music in the studio, which extends to their live performances, effectively making their shows an entirely new and unique experience. The group has a strong and impressive member legacy among them. Horn player Lance Powlis of Chicago, Illinois has worked with artists such as Chantae Cann, Young Jeezy, Cody Chesnutt, Bruno Mars, Prince and B.O.B, and has recently toured with Janelle Monae. Lance has appeared on the Grammy Award Show, performed at the Nobel Peace Prize Concert in Oslo and twice at the White House before President Obama.

Saxophonist Adrian Crutchfield of Charlotte, North Carolina was first introduced to his instrument at the age of four when Kenny G noticed Adrian's interest from the audience during a live show. Kenny G stopped the show and invited Adrian on stage, where he proceeded to play a brief pedagogical melody and then handed Adrian his first sax. Adrian has performed with some of today's brightest stars such as Lionel Richie, Jill Scott, Anthony Hamilton, Fantasia Barinno, KC and JoJo, Adina Howard, Regina Belle, and Young Jeezy.

Casey Crogan of Portland, Oregon attributes playing air drums to the tunes of David Bowie as a child as the start to a career that led him to Symphony Crack. Michael Belluso and Chris Morgan are both very talented and versatile musicians in their craft. While growing up in Atlanta, Georgia Michael inherited an interest in music from his father, who plays the piano and guitar. At the age of 12 he began playing the guitar and music has since been his passion. He is also accomplished with the guitar, bass, drums and piano. Chris performs as DJ, keyboard player and percussionist.

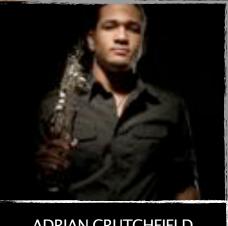
The Mad Violinist and the Symphony Crack Orchestra strive for an authentic live musical performance. They favor live recordings over digital sound and offer many original works along with variations of work originated by other artists. <u>www.symphonycrack.com</u>



**ASHANTI FLOYD** 



**CHRIS MORGAN** 



**ADRIAN CRUTCHFIELD** 





### MATT BARRETT



### MICHAEL BELLUSO





### LANCE POWLIS





# "WHEN WORDS FAIL, MUSIC SPEAKS."

### Fiend - Self Produced Album

**The Addiction - Self Produced Album** 

Sean Kingston – One Way – Produced with Kane Beatz

Lupe Fiasco – The Show Goes On produced with Kane Beatz -Symphony Crack's Matt Barrett on Guitar

Jamie Foxx – 15 Minutes -Co-Produced with Malay

Im The Best – Nicki Minaj feat The Mad Violinist (produced with Kane Beatz)

Lil Wayne ft Drake – Right Above It (Kane Beatz)

Young Jeezy – Greatest Trapper Alive – String Arranger – produced by Needlz – Symphony Crack's Matt Barrett on Guitar

Birdman ft. Lil Wayne & Tyga – Loyalty – Symphony Crack's Matt Barrett on Guitar (produced w Kane Beatz)

Trey Songz – You Just Need Me – String arranger produced w Kane Beatz & JMike

K. Michelle – Fallin produced with Kane Beatz

Fantasia – Thrill Is Gone – String Arranger produced with KP & Malay

Fantasia – Move On Me – String arranger – The premeire of Fantasia For Real on VH1

CJ – Lay Your Head Down produced with KP and Malay

Juelz Santana – Mixin up The Medicine – Pro by Kane Beatz w Symphony Crack's Matt Barrett on Guitar

Sean Kingston ft. Pleasure P Co-Produced with Kane Beatz

Kentrell Jive Records – Encore String Arranger produced by KP and Malay

Rick Ross Maybach Music 2 – Strings produced byThe Justice League

Trey Songz feat Scrappy Thug it To The Bone-String Arranger Produced by Kane Beatz

Mario – I Miss My Freind – String Arranger produced by KP and Malay

John Legend – Lay Your Head Down- Produced with Scar, KP, and Malay

K. Michelle – Today Just Aint My Day produced with Deezel

## **DISCOGRAPHY & CREDITS**

Mr. Finley – Sin is The City – - String Arranger produced by DJ Toomp

Yelawolf – Arena Rap Fiddle Violin player

Young Jeezy The Recession- "Word Play"- String Arranger produced by The Justice League

Young Jeezy The Recession- "Done It"- String Arranger produced by The Justice League

2 Pistols Death Before Dishonor Album "Intro" – String Arranger produced by The Justice League

David Banner The Greatest Story Ever Told – "So Long"- Co Produced with Get Cool 3000

Big Kuntry Kane ft Lloyd Love You The Right Way – String Arranger produced by Kane Beatz

T-Pain ft Young Cash Dont Stop The Party – Co – Produced with Kane Beatz

Young Buck – Buck The World- "Buss Ya Head" – String Arranger produced by The Justice League

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Young Wine ft. T-Pain So Fresh – Producer

BET 106 & Park w/Free and AJ – Guest Appearance

T-Pain Rappa Ternt Sanga- "Im High" Producer

Atlanta, GA - The Mad Violinist & Symphony Crack Orchestra are thrilled to announce the release of their sophomore music album, 'Fiend,' now available on iTunes and Amazon MP3. Only 24 hours after releasing the album to the world, 'Fiend' climbed to Top 10 on iTunes. A record that many artists only dream about when releasing new music to their fans. Symphony Crack's first album, Addiction set new standards in music within their category by successfully meshing different musical styles and theory into single tracks on a very dynamic record. Seeing the early success of Fiend leaves fans highly anticipating the release of their third album.

Five-time Grammy nominated Ashanti Floyd, known as The Mad Violinist, is one of the top violinists, string arrangers, and performers in the country. He picked up his first violin at the age of three with strong inspiration from his mother. Floyd is now musically accomplished in over thirty instruments. Floyd partnered with Kane Beatz and The Building Records in 2008 and have since co-produced and produced over 30 major albums, including "The Show Goes On" by Lupe Fiasco, Nicki Minaj's "I'm the Best," T-Pain's "I'm High," and many others.

Fiend is placed under the Electronic category, but includes sounds of Alternative, Hip-Hop, Classical, and Jazz. Fiend combines creative musical influences from featured artists -- Asia Bryant, Restless, Scar, Kief Brown, and aColorWar. The album is a great depiction of how the group to consistently pushes boundaries to set new standards among their peers. Symphony Crack Orchestra brings the same creativity and passion into their music as musicians once did decades ago; working hard to create something that no one has ever heard or experienced before. They will continue to create new frontiers in music, and will no doubt become legends of their craft.

"Symphony Crack's new album, Fiend, pushes the limits of music. Fusing sounds like electronic, classical, and RnB, they are taking music to where no one has before." –Award Winning Producer, Kane Beatz



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## **AVAILABLE ALBUMS**



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