

Pharrell Williams's Childhood Used For Atlantis Musical



Pharrell Williams's childhood will be the inspiration for the Fox musical *Atlantis*. Michael Mayer will direct the project that is being called a *Romeo and Juliet* type of story. Williams and Mimi Valdes will produce *Atlantis* under the I Am Other umbrella and Gil Netter is producing the musical for Netter Productions.

Williams is having success as a producer and songwriter for the Oscar-nominated *Hidden Figures*. He just produced the Roxanne Shante biopic *Roxanne Roxanne* that premiered at Sundance in January. His hit song "Happy" from the *Despicable Me 2* soundtrack also received an Oscar nomination.

Williams grew up in Virginia Beach, Virginia and it was there in the '90's when he formed The Neptunes with Chad Hugo while attending Princess Anne High School. Teddy Riley discovered them after they entered a talent show at their school.