



RECESS MONKEY RELEASES THEIR 13TH ALBUM: *NOVELTIES*



May 19, 2016: [Recess Monkey](#), a Seattle-based prolific touring band at the top of the national independent family music scene, will launch *Novelties*, a new album of 14 quirky original songs, exclusively with Amazon Music on June 17 with pre-order starting today from this link:

<http://amzn.to/1WEnQkr>. Customers who pre-order the album today will also instantly receive the single, “Time to Make the Donuts” to enjoy at no additional cost—the single is also available for Prime members to stream or download at no additional cost, starting today via Prime Music.

On June 17 the album will be available for digital download and CD purchase on Amazon Music as well as on Prime Music for Amazon Prime members to listen ad-free at no additional cost to their membership.

Novelties implies originality while also referring to the frosty treats found in grocery stores and ice cream trucks – also known as “novelties.” Starting with 753 ice-cold varieties in the opening tune “Every Flavor,” these songs ring out to the far stretches of a listener’s imagination. Kids and families will hear playful wordplay in tracks like “Sweaty Yeti” and “Chasing My Tail” while some songs will capture child-friendly moments, whether it’s a “Piggyback” ride or “Time To Make the Donuts.”

Recess Monkey’s music has always been influenced by The Beatles, and this new album is no exception. As band leader Jack Forman happily notes, they’ve now officially tied The Beatles’ 13 album mark with the release of *Novelties*.

The recording reflects the footloose and fancy free experience of recording *Novelties* at Brickyard Studios and The Monkey House in Seattle. Guests on *Novelties* include Johnny Bregar (mandolin, banjo, wurlly), Sean Jensen (saxophone), Alex Guy (violin and viola), Roger Ferguson (fiddle), and Scott Morning (trumpet). Los Angeles based composer Jherik Bischoff created the orchestral arrangements on “Sweaty Yeti” and “Smitten for Kitten.”

Recess Monkey will celebrate the release of *Novelties* with several summer concerts, kicking off at Seattle’s Northwest Folklife Festival on Memorial Day, May 30th and including shows during Lollapalooza in Chicago. Visit www.recessmonkey.com for the latest updates.

Recess Monkey is a nationally acclaimed trio of teachers – Forman (vocals, bass), Drew Holloway (lead vocals, guitar) and Korum Bischoff (drummer) – who make smart rock and pop music for kids and families. *Time Out New York* named them as one of the top three family music bands in America, and as *USA Today* notes, “There are bands you can’t go wrong with, and this is one of them.” The band tours nationally and has appeared at Symphony Space in NYC, World Café Live in Philadelphia, The Getty Museum in Los Angeles and with Teatro ZinZanni and the Seattle Symphony in their home town, among many other venues. Recess Monkey also leads Seattle’s [Kindiependent](#) artist collective. Most weekdays, young fans around the world chat with Forman during his “Live from the Monkey House” show on SiriusXM Satellite Radio. Their previous 12 albums have won numerous awards and international acclaim. To learn more about Recess Monkey visit www.recessmonkey.com and get updates on their [Facebook](#) page.

Note to editors: Advance music is available now; videos will be available soon.

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A PREVIEW STREAM is available upon request. Review CDs will be available in June.

Press Kit & photos: <http://www.recessmonkeytown.com/press.htm>