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PRIDE PERFORMERS



an interview with

**TRASH PANDA
GO KART**

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Who/what inspired you to make music?

TRASH PANDA GO KART is mostly inspired by our desire to make music together, & to share it with rooms full of people — because that's the most fun. It's a way of taking the avant-playful vibe that makes up our day-to-day life together, & using it to light up everybody's brains while also rocking out.

Why do you make music today?

Selena says: We want to turn everyone's brains into rainbow-colored mush through the healing power of rock & roll!

Zinnia says: We want to share our music with everyone who needs joy, healing, & protection. We hope the experience of seeing & hearing us will be something that people can take with them, to give them strength & energy whenever they need it. At every show, people tell us they can't stop smiling when we play — and that is EXACTLY why we do it!

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How would you describe your group/sound/music?

(This question may be best answered by our band name!) We play "power-twee lesbian raccoon rock" which basically means melodies & harmonies & Snoopy-dancing-in-the-alley — but HEAVY! hahahahahaha. We play pop songs but loud & messy and like raccoons maybe wrote them. We also like to imitate birds, fireworks, whales, & car engines.



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What does it mean to be queer artists right now?

Oh my gender-ambiguous-goddess it means a lot! It means we're some of the people who saw through the bullshit clearly enough to assert our identity in the face of a world that wants to deny us our existence. We feel a responsibility to be a visible (& sonic!) reminder that the world can be (and is!) more.

In what ways does your queerness influence your music?

Welp... there is always the impulse after writing a lyric or when covering someone else's song, to **MAKE IT GAYER!!!**

And in live performance, we definitely feel the need to party for our right to fight — to uphold queer traditions of dance & delight in the face of devastation & doom.

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What does it mean for you to perform at Pride?

Selena: It's so much more than just another show. Every Pride event we've played has been a wonderful warm feeling, a sense of belonging, a coming together, a promise. A quantum chaos rainbow warping "reality" in all directions!

Zinnia: We're tremendously grateful to be performing at Capital City Pride this summer — knowing that we'll all be together in one place to celebrate our queer community, to feel like we truly belong somewhere for even a little while, to be given the chance to embrace ourselves and each other, to spread joy and connect through live music — that's EVERYTHING. Plus, we can't wait to see what yummy snacks & shiny toys are waiting for us!



“RACCOONS ARE THE ONLY GODS YOU NEED! With all the things people worship & obsess over — money, possessions, status — raccoons are at least equally as worthy an alternative.”



Trash Panda Go Kart is a power-twee lesbian raccoon rock duo from the Island of Misfit Toys. Expect noisy yet dance-y songs about critters, bugs, flowers, and food.

Selena Kane
(electric guitar & sing: she/her)

Zinnia Su
(drums & sing: she/her)

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