

Show Chime

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Meet the Band:

Trash Panda Go Kart

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Trash Panda Go Kart, with Zinnia Su on drums and vocals and Selena Kane on guitar and vocals, roll into AMPFest on September 5th with the kind of joyful, scrappy chaos that feels right at home in Anacortes. Their songs carry that punk-twee, raccoon-myth energy — loud, sweet, a little feral — the kind of music that makes you grin before you even realize you're dancing.

They're a band built on sincerity and mischief in equal measure, the sort of group that reminds you how fun it is when artists fully commit to their own weird little universe. They fit perfectly with the AMP spirit: handmade, community-rooted, and welcoming to anyone who shows up curious.

Expect a set that's bright, messy, and full of heart. Bring your friends. Bring your enthusiasm. Bring your offerings for the raccoon gods.

RV: Let's start with the obvious: you're bringing your raccoon-powered chaos to AMPFest on September 5th. What does playing a community-built festival like this mean to you?

TPGK: We LOVE community-based festivals! From the various Porchfests to the various Prides, there's always a great feeling in the air that people are doing this TOGETHER. Which is something we aim for through our music with ANY audience — togetherness, rather than a strict audience/performer vibe — so it's a lot easier to get everyone there when that's already the feeling!

RV: Trash Panda Go Kart has a mythology all its own — raccoon gods, misfit-toy energy, eco-mix vinyl. When did you first realize that "raccoon" was the creative wavelength you wanted to live on?

TPGK: We love all sorts of critters — we're an animist band, so they're all people to us — and have always enjoyed the raccoons, skunks, cats, possums, deer, foxes, owls, bats, that hang out around our various living situations. Raccoons are the ultimate outsider: slipping through the crepuscule, mask firmly in place, observing the human doings with interest, caution, and confusion, from what is hopefully a safe distance. Someone in a mask might tell you the truth, after all.

RV: Your live shows feel like a cross between a punk set and a woodland ritual. What's one moment from the stage that made you think, "Yep, this band could only exist in the Pacific Northwest"?

TPGK: Honestly those moments are a regular occurrence... From the fire-breathing metal dragon that passed by our stage-lawn the second year we played Tacoma Porchfest, to our first two years at Porchfest Edmonds with a perfect view of the Salish Sea and the Olympics AND the ferry terminal AND at least one volcano, to the alpacas watching with interest from their enclosure behind the stage at a farm-to-table dinner we entertained this year.

RV: AMPFest is all about community — volunteers, neighbors, artists, families, everyone. What's one thing you hope people feel during your set?

TPGK: BELONGING

RV: You've played everything from Tractor Tavern to Mr. B's Mead Center. How does a waterfront park in Anacortes change the vibe for you?

TPGK: We LOVE playing by the water — we're both water signs, and we live near the water. One of our songs is for the whales (we call it a yacht-sinking song) and we like thinking they maybe can hear it. Things are always better when there's water nearby.

RV: If you had to describe Trash Panda Go Kart to someone who has never seen you — but who will be at AMPFest — what's the one sentence you'd want them to hear?

TPGK: "Trash Panda Go Kart — Your friendly purveyors of power-twee lesbian raccoon rock."

RV: Your songs swing between playful, tender, loud, and feral. What's a track that feels especially alive to you right now, and why?

TPGK: Our song "La La Meow" always feels vibrant. People light up when they hear the lyrics & melody. The studio track is on our *Raccoon Gods* album and there's a faster, more chaotic version on our *Live Raccoons Inside* wild-berry-colored vinyl.

And our cover of "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" has been making people smile since we debuted it on New Years Eve in Olympia, for Cap City Pride's NYE event! (Especially cause we include Cyndi's recent amendment to the lyrics: "Girls just wanna have FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS!!!!")

RV: Every band has a secret ingredient. What's yours — musically or spiritually? (If the answer is "trash," I accept that.)

TPGK: LOVE (and SNACKS!)

RV: AMPFest always brings out unexpected collaborations. If you could pull one Anacortes musician onstage for a surprise moment, who's your pick and what would you have them do?

TPGK: We'd LOVE to back up Karl Blau on a new-wave arrangement of "Fallin Rain"! We also love Clyde Petersen (does Guemes count??) and would attempt anything he asked of us.

RV: Last one: what should people bring to your AMPFest set on September 5th — emotionally, physically, expectationally, or metaphorically?

TPGK: Bring open hearts and be ready to dance! ■

Come share some raccoon magic with Zinnia and Selena and twenty other fantastic local bands and musicians at AMPFest on Saturday, September 5th.

AMPFest 2026 Artist Line-up

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH
12-9 PM AT SEAFARER'S PARK



12:25 PM

To & From

With songs ranging from raucous to romantic, To & From bring their own flavor of honky tonk rock to the AMP Fest stage. The trio includes Steve Clarke, Paul Tappa, and Bob Ellsworth.



12:45 PM

BIG LAKE/little mountain

The music project of Skagit Valley native Darrin Matthies, BIG LAKE/little mountain is folk meets experimental noise jam.



1:05 PM

AMP Choir

Led by director Kathy Moore, this joyous group of community singers will perform unique arrangements of favorites, full of rich and beautiful harmonies.



1:25 PM

Yitten

Winners of this year's Rock the Island competition, Yitten is a two-piece, ecstatic, psychobilly rad, noisy rock duo made up of Anacortes high-schoolers Chance Hansen and Logan Arreola.



1:45 PM

The Enthusiasts

Feet stomping, homemade, and heart-full rock and roll, the Enthusiasts create original music celebrating the absurd beauty of life. Based and placed in Anacortes.



2:05 PM

Ben Boatright

Ben Boatright is a local singer-songwriter, formerly of Sky All Around. He now mostly plays solo, while also collaborating with friends to make unhurried music for all who need rest.



2:25 PM

Derek Eisel

Derek and his husband, Abe, own and operate Watmough Bay Farm on Lopez Island. Derek sings songs of love, heartbreak, and tractors, accompanying himself on guitar.



2:45 PM

Shidaa

Master drummer Saeed Abbas leads his collective, energetic drumming group with roots from Africa. This multi-talented group shares the music of West Africa with fiery enthusiasm!



3:05 PM

Bizzozo Shaft

Jammy bluesy funk grooves, led by Harmonica John Seibold with Phillip Nakano on percussion and woodwinds, Aaron Howell on lead guitar, Doug Cassidy on bass, Nick Meyer on drums.



3:25 PM

Shannon Patiño

A Mexican-American singer-songwriter based in Mount Vernon, who blends folk and pop influences to create heartfelt, empowering, and vulnerably authentic music.



3:50 PM

Dr Sweets

Upbeat positive folk, rock, pop music led by Mount Vernon's Andrew Sweeting.



4:10 PM

Mild Mallard

Known for their energetic live shows and genre-blending style, Mild Mallard is a band of locals making waves with their eclectic sound and magnetic stage presence.



4:30 PM

Honestly No

An emo-inspired indie rock band comprised of local musicians Eric Stoneman, Eddie Clarke, Mason Blackburn, and Jared Wright.



4:50 PM

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5:10 PM

Yellow Crane

This femme fronted group crafts a noir-tinged sound steeped in cinematic atmosphere, where smeared-neon textures and shadowy melodies pulse beneath the surface.



5:40 PM

We Were Heroes

An energetic progressive punk rock band known locally for delivering heavy riffs, frantic screaming, and highly physical, high-sweat live performances.



6:00 PM

Collins Beach

Representing multiple generations of Anacortes musicians, Collins Beach creates their own sound through guitar lead melodies and soaring vocals.



6:40 PM

The Opines

A heavy psychedelic Northwest power trio, playing what some would refer to as the grunge style of music. It's loud, it's creative, it's fun, and it's quirky.



7:20 PM

hernameasprincess

An alternative indie folk-rock band from Big Rock for fans of Modest Mouse and Magnolia Electric Co. Acoustic versions of heartbreaking tunes.



7:55 PM

Friends for the Ghost

A family-led indie folk-rock band delivering heartfelt songs with exquisite harmonies and rich, soulful instrumentation.

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