

ARTS & CULTURE

Sweet N' Juicy brings 'fruity funk' to The Grove



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Sweet N' Juicy is made up of a banana named Sweet (bass), a Pineapple named N' (drums), and a strawberry named Juicy (keyboard).

This fruit can jam. Producing a seamless mixture of comedy and light-hearted "party" mu-

sic, Sweet N' Juicy is due to perform at Cottage Grove's Axe and Fiddle on Dec. 18. The three-man (or fruit

bunch formed in 2017 with the intention of creating "songwriter-funk, people-pleasing music".

With their collaborations in the hundreds, they have backed Grammy Award winners, comedians, and local celebrities while playing host to a weekly variety show.

Individually, members have played on Warped Tour, been featured in *High Times Magazine*, co-written music with Blondie, and have been session musicians on dozens of albums. They are currently working on what they consider their best music yet.

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with Blondie, N' is the King of the Pineapples, and Juicy has toured internationally.

"They just want people to party and have a good time," stated a band release to *The Sentinel*.

Though Sweet N' Juicy plays what they call "party" music, their on-stage banter and whimsical, sometimes irreverent, approach to songwriting and performing would be hard to categorize in just one word.

In one show, they were compared to Vulfpeck and Flight of the Conchords. At other shows, they are routinely compared to the Talking Heads, George Clinton, and Frank Zappa.

Sweet N' Juicy is constantly touring. By year's end, they will have performed over a hundred times in just 2021.

In February of 2022, they

are touring from Seattle to San Diego in a month-long West Coast tour, and have shows booked as far as autumn of next year.

While they often play in Eugene, this is their first time playing Cottage Grove.

"They are thrilled to be

performing their fruity funk at the Axe and Fiddle," stated the band's release.

The band will be performing Dec. 18 from 8:30 p.m. — 11:30 p.m. Dance shoes are recommended.

For more band information, visit www.sweetnjuicymusic.com.



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