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**GENRE-DEFYING LIVE SENSATION RAINBOW KITTEN SURPRISE RETURN WITH FIRST NEW MUSIC IN NEARLY TWO YEARS**

 **EMOTIONALLY CHARGED TRACK “WORK OUT” IS AVAILABLE NOW**

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**HIGHLY ANTICIPATED NORTH AMERICAN TOUR KICKS OFF TOMORROW WITH NEARLY ALL DATES SOLD OUT – INCLUDING 2-NIGHT STAND AT THE ICONIC RED ROCKS AMPHITHEATER**

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Genre-defying, Nashville-based quintet and live sensations **Rainbow Kitten Surprise** have released the emotionally charged track **“**[**Work Out**](https://rks.lnk.to/WorkOut)**,”** **available everywhere now**. **Marking the band’s first new music in nearly two years,** the song’s beautiful melody-line and effervescent vibe is a stark juxtaposition to its poignant lyrics about the difficult relationships – of all sorts – that people struggle with. **“Work Out”** is accompanied by a lyric video – handwritten by RKS frontperson Ela Melo – available to watch [HERE](https://youtu.be/ZBA7FB9rJS4).

**“Work Out”** arrives on **the fourth anniversary** of their **breakout** **Elektra Records debut full length, “HOW TO: FRIEND, LOVE, FREEFALL,”** featuring the **RIAA-certified Gold hit “Its Called: Freefall.”** Catapulting the band from an underground favorite shared by word of mouth to a national touring juggernaut, **moving over 80,000 tickets**, including **selling out their first headline show at the iconic Red Rocks Amphitheater in a matter of minutes**, the release also saw the band make multiple national television appearances highlighted by a **debut performance on “The Late Late Show with Stephen Colbert**.**”** A companion music video for **“Work Out”** is in post-production now.

Tomorrow, **Rainbow Kitten Surprise** kicks off their **highly anticipated North American headline tour**. Beginning at the Township Auditorium in Columbia, SC, on April 7th, most dates for the cross-country trek are **already sold out**, including **back-to-back nights at The Caverns in Pelham, TN** and a triumphant, **two-night return to Red Rocks Amphitheater in Morrison, CO**, which **sold-out in a matter of minutes** of being announced. Always a festival favorite, **Rainbow Kitten Surprise** top the lineups at **Shaky Knees Festival** in Atlanta, GA and **Bottle Rock Festival** in Napa, CA. Full tour itinerary listed below.

For all upcoming headline shows, **Rainbow Kitten Surprise** has again teamed up with [**PLUS1**](https://plus1.org/), ensuring **$1 of every ticket sold will go to local food banks working to fight hunger and food insecurity in their communities**. The band – who has worked with PLUS1 since 2019 – is expected to direct **over $25,000** towards these organizations on this upcoming run alone.

**ABOUT RAINBOW KITTEN SURPRISE:**

As if channeling another dimension where genres simply don’t exist, **Rainbow Kitten Surprise** find harmony in unpredictability – weaving together lyrical poetry, hummable melodies, and a rush of instrumental eccentricities. Now boasting **over 1 billion global streams** across platforms, the band first began building their devoted fanbase with independent albums **“SEVEN + MARY”** (2013) and **“RKS”** (2015). Arriving in 2018, the band’s **breakout full-length debut for Elektra, “HOW TO: FRIEND, LOVE, FREEFALL**.” Produced by Grammy Award-winner **Jay Joyce** (Cage The Elephant, Sleeper Agent), the album featured **RIAA-certified Gold single “It’s Called: Freefall”**, earned widespread praise from **Billboard**, **TIME**, **Vice**, and **NPR** who described their sound as *“…a mix of jam and indie and whatever else you can throw into the soup…very earnest, beautiful, political, loving rock n’ roll*,” and saw the band make several national television appearances, including performances on “**CBS This Morning Saturday**,” “**The Late Show with Stephen Colbert**,” and **PBS**’s “**Austin City Limits**.” After gracing the bills of **Bonnaroo**, **Lollapalooza**, and **Osheaga**, to name a few, RKS moved 80,000 tickets of their own on their sold-out ***Friend, Love Freefall Tour*** earmarked by a packed night at Red Rocks Amphitheatre and three consecutive gigs in Athens, GA—as chronicled on their first official live album, “***LIVE FROM ATHENS GEORGIA,”*** released in 2021. Most recently, two longtime fan-favorite tracks began to take off organically on TikTok, with “**It’s Called: Freefall**” and “**Cocaine Jesus**” experiencing massive upticks after user-created content on the platform went viral – resulting in over **11 million \*weekly\* streams** for the band. The songs now boast **85** and **80 million streams**, respectively.

Rainbow Kitten Surprise is: **Ela Melo** (lead vocals), **Darrick “Bozzy” Keller** (guitar, vocals), **Ethan Goodpaster** (lead guitar, vocals), **Charlie Holt** (bass, vocals), **Jess Haney** (drums)



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**RAINBOW KITTEN SURPRISE – UPCOMING LIVE DATES:**

*^ Flipturn supporting*

*# 99 Neighbors supporting*

*+ Briston Maroney supporting*

*\* The Brook & The Bluff supporting*

*> Houndmouth supporting*

**APRIL**

Thur, April 7th – Township Auditorium - Columbia, SC \* *sold-out*

Fri, April 8th – The Caverns - Pelham, TN \* *sold-out*

Sat, April 9th – The Caverns - Pelham, TN \* *sold-out*

Mon, April 11th - JJ's Live - Fayetteville, AR \* *sold-out*

Tue, April 12th - Hoyt Sherman Place - Theatre - Des Moines, IA \* *low tix*

Thur, April 14th - The Admiral - Omaha, NE \* *sold-out*

Fri, April 15th - Riverside Theater - Milwaukee, WI \* *sold-out*

Sat, April 16th - PromoWest Pavilion at OVATION - Newport, KY \*

Tue, April 19th - Roxian Theatre - McKees Rocks, PA \* *sold-out*

Thur, April 21st - Harrisburg University at XL Live - Harrisburg, PA \* *sold-out*

Fri, April 22nd – The Norva - Norfolk, VA \* *low tix*

Sun, April 24th - Ting Pavilion - Charlottesville, VA ^ *sold-out*

Mon, April 25th - Knoxville Civic Auditorium - Knoxville, TN ^ *sold-out*

Tue, April 26th - Florida Theatre - Jacksonville, FL ^ *low tix*

Fri, Apr 29 – Shaky Knees Festival – Atlanta, GA

**MAY**

Fri, May 20th – The Van Buren – Phoenix, AZ #

Sun, May 22nd – Humphrey’s – San Diego, CA # *sold-out*

Sun, May 23rd – Humphrey’s – San Diego, CA # *sold-out*

Tues, May 24th – House of Blues Anaheim – Anaheim, CA # *sold-out*

Thur, May 26th – Brooklyn Bowl – Las Vegas, NV #

Fri, May 27th – Santa Barbara Bowl – Santa Barbara, CA #

Sat, May 28th – Bottle Rock Festival – Napa, CA

**JULY**

Fri, July 1st - The Woodlands Nature Reserve - Charleston, SC +

Sat, July 2nd - Riverfront Park - Live Oak Bank Pavilion - Wilmington, NC +

Sun, July 3rd - Rabbit Rabbit - Asheville, NC + *sold-out*

Tue, July 5th - Avondale Brewing Company - Birmingham, AL + *sold-out*

Tue, July 6th - Avondale Brewing Company - Birmingham, AL +

Fri, July 8th – Tulsa Theater – Tulsa, OK

Sat, July 9th - Whitewater Amphitheatre - New Braunfels, TX +

Mon, Jul 11 – Red Rocks Amphitheater – Morrison, CO + *sold-out*

Tue, Jul 12 – Red Rocks Amphitheater – Morrison, CO + *sold-out*

Thur, July 14th - VENUE TBA - Salt Lake City, UT > *sold-out*

Fri, July 15th - Idaho Botanical Garden - Boise, ID > *sold-out*

Sat, July 16th - KettleHouse Amphitheater - Bonner, MT > *sold-out*

Mon, July 18th - Marymoor Amphitheater - Redmond, WA >

Tue, July 19th – Orpheum - Vancouver, BC > *sold-out*

Wed, July 20th - McMenamins Edgefield - Troutdale, OR >

**AUGUST**

Fri, August 5th – Hinterland - Saint Charles, IA

For more ticket information and tour updates, please visit [www.rksband.com/tour](http://www.rksband.com/tour).

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