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Bee Parks and the Hornets Launches First Full-Length Album

ROCKPORT, MAINE - Bee Parks and the Hornets, a Maine-based band for family audiences, is proud to announce the release of their first full-length album, *Welcome to Our Hive*. With 11 catchy pop-rock tunes that span genres of blues, punk, 90's alt pop, musical theatre, 60's surf rock and more, the album has something for all generations.

Featuring all-original songs written from an insect's point of view, the album takes the listener on a journey as they learn how to become honorary bees -- by taking care of their environment and each other. The band was created in early 2018 by Brittany Parker, who sings lead vocals and plays ukulele on the album, as well as writing most of the songs. Musicians Carl Ferm (keyboard, saxophone) and Joey Dupuis (electric guitar, trumpet) also wrote songs and provide tight backup harmonies. *Welcome to Our Hive* features Jarly Bobadilla on bass guitar with Cedar Ellis and Jack Sasner alternating on the drum set. The album was recorded, mixed and mastered by Jeb Enoch at the Maine Music Mill, with some songs off their previous "Bee Yourself" EP recorded by Zach Soares.

"We've played over 40 live shows across Maine and the Northeast since forming the band last year, and that experience has allowed us to shape and grow these songs in real time with the response of a live audience," said Parker. "This record is a testament to the connection we feel with the families who attend our shows, and we're thrilled to offer them a chance to take the music home with them."

Welcome to Our Hive will be available on all digital music platforms on Friday, July 12. The Album Release Show will take place in Southwest Harbor, Maine on July 14 before the band embarks on their first East Coast tour -- playing 11 shows in 14 days across 6 states. For a full summer schedule, visit beeparksandthehornets.com.

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Band Biography

An indie pop-rock band for all insects and ages, Bee Parks and the Hornets perform high-energy concert parties that combine rockin' music, puppetry and audience participation to inspire young people to get up and move — both with their feet and in their communities. With all-original songs that promote kindness, equality, self-confidence, social justice, environmental awareness and dancing your heart out, Bee Parks and the Hornets take audience members of all ages on a musical adventure that will open up spirits and imaginations.

Bee Parks and the Hornets is the creative endeavor of Maine-based music and theatre maker, Brittany Parker. Pulling from various musical inspirations, including Motown and 90's alt rock, Brittany writes songs about empathy, social justice, self-confidence, the environment, and dancing your heart out -- all performed through an insect lens. Brittany writes most of the music and lyrics for the band, as well as singing lead vocals and playing ukulele and guitar. The Hornets include Carl Ferm (vocals, saxophone, keyboard) and Joey Dupuis (vocals, trumpet, lead guitar), who have both also written music for the group. Other band members make up a rotating roster of Hornets which include Mélissa Smith (bass guitar), Jarly Bobadilla (bass guitar), and Cedar Ellis (drums). In their first year, Bee Parks and the Hornets played over 30 shows at theaters, libraries, museums, schools, and outdoor venues. In June 2018 they released their first EP, Bee Yourself. Their first full length album, Welcome to Our Hive, will be released on July 12 and can be found on all digital music platforms.