

Pretend I'm a Genius - Biography

Pretend I'm a Genius has recently completed an album of original songs that reflect their alt-rock, indie roots. *Float on Black* contains ten songs composed individually and collaboratively by all three members of the band. The band has been a consistent presence on the Chapel Hill/Carrboro music scene since 2015 and plans to expand their gig circuit to include more local music festivals and showcases.

With all three members of the band writing and shaping the material, the Pretend I'm a Genius catalog is notable for its varied mix of songs. Members Mark Foley (drums), Scott Mathias (guitar) and Kelly Peak (bass guitar) bring differing, yet compatible, life experiences to the table and provide three distinct voices to the music. Some are amusing, others have strange sci-fi themes, and still others are introspective and a touch melancholy. The band's devotion to elevating each member's creative vision shines through in their tightly-integrated sound.

Live performances by Pretend I'm a Genius have been well-attended events at venues including the Carrboro Music Festival, The Cave, The Kraken, Local 506 and Mystery Brewing. Although mostly-known for their driving, alt-rock sound, the band has also created acoustic versions of some core songs. Fans of these acoustic sets have appreciated the clarity of vocal harmonies and more intimate overall sound. In either type of show, Pretend I'm a Genius provides opportunities for listeners to dance and enjoy their time together. The band's goals are to bring their live act to more local stages, to support their music community and to entertain and inspire more people.