

## Portland's Kindie Rock Darlings Ants Ants Ants Release 'The Robot EP' ahead of Wolf Trap and Pickathon Concerts This Summer Four Original Pop Songs Imagine the Inner Life of a Disco Dancing Android; Available on July 19, 2019

Ants Ants Ants, who invaded the national family music scene last year with their "smart, catchy kids' pop" (GeekDad) album *Why Why*, will release *The Robot EP* on July 19th. A vinyl collector's edition of the 4 song EP will be released in August.

The first single "Robot Robot" will be available wherever music is sold or streaming on June 21st. The band of Portland based indie rockers will perform at Wolf Trap Theater-in-the-Woods in Virginia on June 28th, and celebrate the EP release with sessions at SiriusXM and WTMD radio. Ants Ants Ants will also perform at Pickathon and other venues around Oregon and Washington this summer.

The four tracks on *The Robot EP* demonstrate the signature harmonic pure-pop sound of Ants Ants. "Robot Robot," is jingly-jangly, hand-clappy tune asking, "Robot, can you hear me?" It's a poignant refrain for our Al times, with all sorts of techno-buzzy sounds thrown in for fun. "Dance Robot Dance" imagines an electric boogie robot who's a little weary after "dancing all night" at the disco. With nods to The Beatles, ELO and Nick Lowe, the dreamy "Robot Suite" continues the wonderment at the inner life of our electronic friend. A "Robot Reprise" ends the EP with a clear signal that there's more imaginative fun ahead.

Johnny Clay, Dave Gulick and Nat Johnson, the songwriters, performers and producers of Ants Ants, have played their parts in Portland's independent music scene for at least the last decade. Clay was the lead singer/songwriter of The Dimes, a "simply stunning" (AllMusic) nationally touring indie-folk group regarded for their "dark tales set against upbeat melodies and rhythms" (NPR). Gulick and Johnson wrote and performed an "infectious, melodic bundle of sugary pop goodness" (Northwest Music) with the Portland indie-pop darling band Derby. Ants Ants Ants' first album *Why Why Why?* was called "a splendid debut" by Parents' Choice and was named one of the best of 2018 by the Fids & Kamily poll. Reviewers love the band's "hooky sunny quality" (NAPPA Awards) and "charming and upbeat" (Kinderling Kids Radio) style as well as their colorful animated videos by Chris Purdin. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.antsantsants.com">www.antsantsants.com</a>, subscribe to their <a href="https://www.antsantsants.com">YouTube channel</a>, and "Like" them on <a href="#facebook">Facebook</a>.

## The Robot EP by Ants Ants Ants ~ Track list

- 1. Robot Robot 2:27
- 2. Dance Robot, Dance 2:11
  - 3. The Robot Suite 4:18
  - 4. Robot Reprise 1:59

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