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“Every time Recess Monkey puts forth a new song, I think they can't top themselves...and then they make something wonderful like this...Something new from a very incredible band..

~ **Kathy O'Connell, WXPN Kids Corner radio**

“An unbelievably creative and interesting to band to me. They play and sing with a freedom and wonder that most bands would kill for. “ ~ **John Vanderslice**

“Kindie rock's perennial flower blooms a sonic gem of a summer album.... just about the best thing you'll hear this year.” ~ **Jeff Bogle, Red Tricycle**



**Seattle's Recess Monkey Launches a High-Flying Collection of
New Songs and Videos for Summer 2015:**

Hot Air

Seattle, June 2015 – [Recess Monkey](#), a prolific touring band at the top of the national independent family music scene, will launch their 12th studio album, *Hot Air*, on June 16th (Burnside Distribution). This summer travel-ready release will feature two discs: a CD with 14 original songs and a DVD weaving these songs into an animated, magical story of airborne discovery. To celebrate the release, Recess Monkey plans several album release events this summer.

The hi-fidelity analog sound of *Hot Air* arrives by way of producer John Vanderslice and his Tiny Telephone studio. The handcrafted videos, blending band leader Jack Forman's original animated art with live action elements, tells a fantastical musical tale to be shared by young and old alike.

Flight, adventure and unexplored territory are all part of the concept behind *Hot Air*. Recess Monkey is known for expressing what kids adore most, and in this case, everyday experiences like meeting the new kid in school, wearing hand-me-downs, flying a paper airplane and watching a balloon drift up in the sky, are all related through smart lyrics and layered musicality. “Lighter than Air” evokes the joy of embarkation as the lines are cut on a hot air balloon, setting this album off for adventure. A chorus of voices adds depth and richness to that track and to the retro sing-along “Carry a Tune.” The enduring popularity of Star Wars makes “Oh Lando” (sung from the perspective of Han Solo) a sure hit. Songwriter Drew Holloway's trademark funkiness shines through on tracks like “Hand Me Downs” and “Thunder and Lightning.” The title track wafts off at the very end of the album. Christine Deaver, a talented actor and comedian from Seattle's Teatro ZinZanni, narrates the video story.

The band recently debuted the single “Penguinese” as a [video](#) and iTunes release. “Penguinese” is a smartly dressed, flightless bird who speaks funny and eats stinky food for lunch... “Ewww.” Naturally, “folks don't understand him,” but as the song gently advises, “You can learn a lot when folks do things a different way.” A subtle message about accepting differences shines through the whimsical lyrics and a dance-happy beat provided by band mate Korum Bischoff.

Recess Monkey is a nationally acclaimed trio of teachers who make music for kids and families that truly rocks. *Time Out New York* named them the #3 Kindie band in America, and they have won numerous awards and national radio play for their smart songs. The band tours nationally and has appeared at Symphony Space in NYC, World Café Life in Philadelphia, The Getty Museum in Los Angeles and with Teatro ZinZanni and the Seattle Symphony in their home town, among many other venues.

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The band, Forman (vocals, bass), Drew Holloway (lead vocals, guitar) and Bischoff (drummer), plan a busy spring and summer of all-ages concerts to celebrate the release of “Penguinese” and *Hot Air*. Recess Monkey lead Seattle’s [Kindiependent](#) collective of family music artists, and Forman is also known for hosting the daily “Live from the Monkey House” show on SiriusXM Satellite Radio. To learn more about Recess Monkey visit www.recessmonkey.com and get updates on their [Facebook](#) page.

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A PREVIEW STREAM is available upon request.

Press Kit & photos: <http://www.recessmonkeytown.com/press.htm>

Hot Air

Track list

1. Hot Air Prelude	1:04
2. Lighter Than Air	2:15
3. Paper Airplane	2:49
4. Penguinese	2:37
5. Head in the Clouds	2:53
6. Thunder and Lighting	2:12
7. Hand Me Downs	2:13
8. My Balloon	2:09
9. First Things First1	2:34
10. Carry a Tune	2:40
11. Get Your Ticket	2:43
12. What Do You See?	3:52
13. Morning Sun	2:09
14. Oh Lando	3:20
15. Hot Air	2:46

Please Note: The DVD enclosed in this album includes an animated “Hot Air” adventure, weaving live action, songs and paper collage art.

For more information, upcoming concert dates, interesting links and photos, please visit:

www.recessmonkey.com