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Dogwood Alliance will be partnering with Canadian band The Duhks at the band's [Orange Peel](#) show Thursday. On Friday, two local outfits help spread the word about North Carolina's new ban on plastic bottles in landfills at a show at the [Emerald Lounge](#).

On [The Duhks](#):

"They are one of the greenest bands we have come across," writes Scot Quaranda of the Dogwood Alliance. His group was introduced to the band a few years back after launching its Greening the Music industry initiative, a campaign to reduce the packaging associated with music (that a lot of labels were unknowingly getting from endangered Southern forests, Quaranda says). "Our goal was to get the biggest labels to stop sourcing from these places and increase post-consumer recycled comment ... the Duhks were one of the first bands on board, and since then both Sony Home Entertainment and Universal Music Group have made commitments to use more recycled and stop buying from the special places in our region. We couldn't have done it without the support of bands like the Duhks."

The band has its own green initiative, too: [GreenDuhks.com](#). That campaign focuses on saving electricity, using high-efficiency, low-power lighting, and conserving water. Additionally, they are touring North America in a biodiesel van."

Check out The Dogwood Alliance [blog on the event](#).

A little bit more about the band, from their publicist: "The Winnipeg, Manitoba-based Duhks have always gravitated towards traditional roots-based song structures, but they've never stopped evolving since their inception five years ago. Due in part to a collective musical worldview that knows no boundaries, that evolution led the band to their latest offering *Fast-Paced World*, the first Duhks record to feature wunderkinds Sarah and Christian Dugas (replacing vocalist Jessee Havey and percussionist Scott Senior respectively). It's an album that reflects the quintet's newfound confidence, with Sarah bringing five original songs to the band's encyclopedic collection of originals and covers both old and new."

The Emerald Lounge show on Friday, Oct. 9, will feature [Kung Fu Dynamite](#) and [Fifth House](#), teaming up to spread awareness of the state's recent ban on plastic bottles in landfills.

"We have an exciting new partnership with RE3.org, promoting awareness of the new NC landfill plastic bottle ban [that started Oct. 1]," writes Kelly Hannah, guitarist for the band Kung Fu Dynamite. "RE3.org is teaming up with local bands throughout North Carolina to promote awareness of the new ban at clubs throughout the state. RE3.org will have a booth set up at the venue to help spread the word and the cause. ... In addition to the RE3.org campaign, it is an exciting event for Kung Fu Dynamite. The band has a new lineup and we are sounding better than ever. Over the summer, we decided to take the band in another direction and we are very excited about the way things are sounding and the chemistry that we have developed within the band."

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