

Bio:

Formed in 2016, **The Shady Recruits** is a 5-piece band based out of Greenville, South Carolina with a funky, jazzy, and at times heavily improvisational fusion of what they describe as “tasty tunes”. Influenced by the likes of **Funkadelic**, **Frank Zappa**, **Soulive**, **Steely Dan**, and so many others, the band plays an eclectic, high-energy mixture of originals and covers guaranteed to keep you dancing all night. While still relatively in its infancy as a band, The Shady Recruits have been fortunate to share stages with such acts as **The Marcus King Band**, **Brandon “Taz” Niederauer**, and **Dumpstaphunk**.

Led by drummer Jack Ryan of the Marcus King Band, The Shady Recruits are an “all-star lineup” of sorts, consisting of musicians from several prominent local and regional bands. The ensemble includes fellow Marcus King Band member and Greenville native **Justin Johnson** on horns and vocals, as well as two other Greenville music scene staples – bassist **David Katilius** of jamtronica rockers **Scrumptious** and **Phish** tribute outfit **Adam Knight’s Buried Alive**, and **Charles Hedgepath** on guitar and vocals, affectionately dubbed the “unofficial mayor of Greenville” due to his involvement in countless musical endeavors around Greenville and the Upstate. Keyboardist **Marcus White** of Chattanooga adds a musical tour-de-force, splitting his time between the Recruits and touring with Atlanta funk/improv giants **Voodoo Visionary**, as well as leading his own project **killakeyz_band**.

...and a surplus of surprise special guests is always a unique part of The Shady Recruits performances.



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