



photo submitted by Justin Spencer

Recycled Percussion creates music using trash cans, chainsaws and other unusual materials. The band will perform Tuesday in Baldwin Auditorium on a tour titled "Rock Your Junk."

Musicians to bang in Baldwin

Performers to use trash, tools for musical entertainment in Baldwin Auditorium

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They rock their junk. Currently on their "Rock Your Junk" tour, Recycled Percussion is a unique band with a national fan base that is stopping for a performance Tuesday in Baldwin Auditorium. Robin Taylor, coordinator for the Center for Student Involvement, said she attends the National Association for Campus Activities conference annually with Student Activities Board members to decide what groups to bring to the University. "We had seen Recycled Percussion a couple of times at NACA, and this time they weren't actually performing, but

they had their drums out and were playing at their booth, and they're just really fun guys," she said. "It was something unique that we hadn't brought here before." SAB planned to have Recycled Percussion perform at the University a few years ago, but the band was unable to make it, Taylor said. "... They had to back out because they were all booked out East," she said. "They had a performance in New Jersey, and they weren't going to be able to fly in with all their equipment because they drum on trash and a whole bunch of other stuff, so we opted to just have them here at a later date." Taylor said numerous people have asked her if the group is similar to Stomp. "Yes and no," she said. "They don't stomp, but they beat on trash and use chainsaws and all sorts of different things." After other students saw Recycled

Percussion perform and enjoyed them, Taylor said she decided it would be a great choice. "We make decisions on the basis of entertainment and education, and we try to get a diverse group," she said. "For special events we try to get a variety of things that people might not normally see. For concerts and other things, we do surveys to find out what students want." Junior Dawn Runge is an SAB member who saw Recycled Percussion perform at NACA this year. She is the chairwoman of this event. Runge said she and other SAB members have been working on this event since February, but they had to wait on venue confirmation until September.

"I heard of Recycled Percussion through word of mouth at the conference and thought they would be great to bring to campus," she said. "They are a very unique, talented act and very popular right now." Runge said she checked all of the band's references as well as its Web site's message board, and the group received rave reviews. "I would call it percussion entertainment with a visually stimulating twist," she said. Justin Spencer, founder of the band, said it began in 1995 while attending high school in Goffston, N.H. "The band was a great way for us to express ourselves as individuals," he said. "We've all attended college, but now all of our focus is on the band." Unlike typical bands that incorporate lyr-

ics into their music, Recycled Percussion's music is purely composition, Spencer said. "We classify our music as junk rock," he said. Spencer said the most important aspect of their music is entertaining the audience. "Being dedicated to our loyal fans inspires us to write the music and perform it as well," he said. Because the University is located in such a small community, some bands might decide against performing here, but size and location are not a factor for Recycled Percussion, Spencer said. "Because people in all areas love our show, it doesn't matter how big or small the venue is," he said. Within the next month or two, the band will release a live CD, available for purchase. The performance is free for students and \$5 for general admission. Tickets are available in the SAB office or at the door.

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Justin Spencer
Recycled Percussion
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