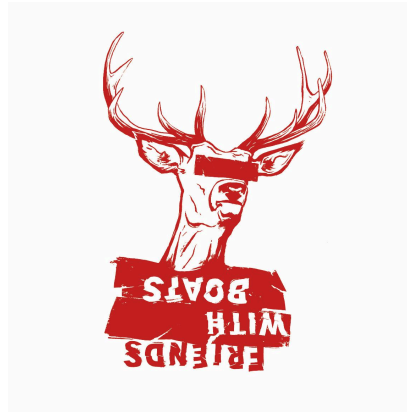




FRIENDS WITH BOATS is a transatlantic punk outfit fueled by old friendships, deep DIY ethos, and a shared obsession with 90's punk rock, classic emo, and no-frills hardcore. Born from a New Year's Eve reunion in 2022, the band quickly found its connection, writing and recording their first full length album within just a week. Despite the 5,000 physical miles between Hannover, Germany and Vancouver, Canada, that distance hasn't dulled their spark.

After embarking on their first U.S. tour in 2024, bringing their basement-bred energy to venues across the South (including closing out The Fest 22 in Gainesville, FL), the five-piece kept the momentum rolling into 2026, heading out for a two-week run across Japan. With new songs engineered and mixed by Tim Creviston (Comeback Kid, Spiritbox, Youth Fountain) - the band will be circling back to Germany's festival circuit this summer, including a performance at the sold-out Farewell Youth Fest in Dresden.

Their debut *Bumper Sticker Poetry* is a raw and nostalgic punch of short, sharp and melodic songs about growing up, screwing up, and hanging on. The title track reflects on life's unexpected turns with the kind of honesty that only longtime friends can pull off. "We all had different plans," the band says, "but somehow we ended up here, doing this. Shoutout to life for the best detour ever."

For fans of Samiam, Face To Face, Bouncing Souls or Gameface, FRIENDS WITH BOATS is where grit meets grace. A heartfelt ode to friendship, community, and the kind of catharsis you only find with the people who know you best. In a world that moves too fast and in all different directions, this band is a reminder that some bonds (or some songs?) are built to last.

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