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Hiya folks, and welcome to the Martin Van Buren Historical Site and Park Trails. Before we begin the tour of this extraordinary 19th century house, from which Van Buren conducted much of his professional life, we'd like for you to sit down on this historic bench here, recently restored with all the original hand carved details, and watch a brief educational film recounting the successes and, ha ha yes, some challenges too, of our 8th president Martin Van Buren. Please make yourselves comfortable while I leave the room to arm the projector.

[Light flickers on the screen as the reel engages, & to your pleasant surprise, energetic yet melancholy indie rock music begins to play. Faces congeal into focus, which are eventually recognizable as the faces of Zack & Evan. They deliver the following message.]

Hello & please excuse the intrusion. But while your park ranger is out of the room we'd like to quickly let you know about some things that are happening in Amperland.

Firstly, we've got some live session videos to share with you that we recorded when we were out in Chicago last! These are our first official in-studio sessions since Skylight's release & we're very proud of how they've come out! Megan, Nick, Sam, Zack, & Evan perform Rings, Darkness, & Skylight to the delight of themselves & others. Many thanks to Seth & everyone else on the [Pallet Sessions](#) team for their hard work on this one (actually, if you'll stroll down memory lane with us – which, let's be honest, if you're here to learn about a president from the mid 1800s, you're probably down to do – Seth engineered a

version of our song 'Problems' that we recorded back in 2014 which you can find if you scroll back far enough on [our Bandcamp](#). Check him out – [sethengel.org](#)).

[Here are the videos!](#) on our youtube channel.

We'd also like to let you know we'll be doing some new merch soon, but before we do that we need to make some room at PG HQ! Can only fit so many t-shirts on these ol' shelves, ya know. In fact, one time we tried to stuff more shirts than we were advised to stuff on a shelf and, whew, lemme tell you, by the end of that day the floor of our warehouse was an absolute tornado of cotton & splintered wood... Anyway, as such, we'll be selling a bunch of our old items at a 25% discount. Head over to our website to see what's on sale - [www.pinegroveband.com](#).

On a similar note, our friend Hannah Hutchinson, excellent ceramicist, has made some limited edition Skylight themed mugs. Check out [our instagram page](#) for a link to [her instagram page](#) to see her work & to have them shipped to you. Act fast, there are only like 11 of them!

Lastly, but not leastly, in our ongoing effort to promote equality & stand up to injustice where we can, we've been donating our Bandcamp sales for the past couple weeks to the Yellowhammer Fund, which supports abortion access in Alabama. We'll be donating these proceeds indefinitely. Please donate if you can – [www.yellowhammerfund.org](#)

Oop, looks like the ranger is back. If she asks just say you were impressed with Van Buren's doggedness. Take care, & enjoy the tour of the grounds! Much love.

[The image of the two heads zero into a small point of light, then vanish as the warm homespun party textures of pg fade into 19th century brass. A picture of a man with outrageous sideburns kenburnses across the screen. the unassuming ranger pops in, psyched to lead a tour and talk about her favorite American president.]

hey folks, are you ready to get your Martin van Bur - on? ha ha, right okay, let's

go everybody!

&&&& scene.



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