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## Local Gal and Pals Rock While Rolling

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Nicki Bluhm Photo provided

Acalanes High School alums Nicki Bluhm and Deren Ney (lead singer and guitar player for Nicki Bluhm and The Gamblers) will return to their hometown for a concert at the Town Hall Theatre June 10 as part of the band's North American Tour. The tour was prompted by the success of the latest "Van Sessions" cover of Hall and Oates "I Can't Go For That" that received more than 1.1 million views on YouTube ( <http://bit.ly/GQfqQc>).

Nicki Bluhm and The Gramblers were founded in San Francisco in 2008 by Bluhm, her husband Tim Bluhm (The Mother Hips) and Ney. They were soon joined by bassist Steve Adams (ALO), Dave Mulligan on rhythm guitar and drummer Mike Curry and released their debut album 'Toby's Song' in 2008 and follow up, 'Driftwood' in 2011. The band has been winning fans and critics the old fashioned way: with hard work, great songs and relentless touring.

"I Can't Go For That" was the 17th song the band recorded as part of their "Van Sessions" -- a series of videos Bluhm and the band recorded while on tour. More than anything, the "Van Sessions" were conceived as an easy and fun way for the band to entertain themselves and fans

paying tribute to their favorite music. Never did they expect the DIY series to spread like wildfire and bring the band to the forefront of viral music on the Internet. The "Van Sessions" now have nearly 2.5 million views on YouTube.

The group began their North American Tour of more than 50 cities May 16. They will swing by the Town Hall Theatre in respect to their Lafayette roots at 8 p.m. June 10. For more information about the event, visit [www.nickibluhm.com/news/](http://www.nickibluhm.com/news/).

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