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## Psych Out: Plastic Crimewave Sound & Djin Aquarian of Ya Ho Wa 13 blow minds at Gooski's

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Sat, Nov 8, 8p.m.  
Gooski's  
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Fans of experimental psychedelia won't want to miss the mind-bending pairing of [Plastic Crimewave Sound](#) with special guest Djin Aquarian this Saturday at Polish Hill haunt Gooski's.

At the helm of Chicago-based experimental outfit Plastic Crimewave Sound is *Galactic Zoo Dossier* creator Steve Krakow, whose tripped-out illustrations have immortalized everyone from Jandek and Sun Ra to Tom Verlaine and Steve Marriott. From ancient folk to freakbeat, the underground cartoonist's prolific work was released as a compendium by revered underground label [Drag City Records](#). Krakow's acid-rock ensemble, known for their experimental use of instrumentation and improv, at one time featured gifted designer Cat Chow.

Also not to be missed is the super rare guest stint by Djin Aquarian, guitarist of mysterious West Coast cult group, [Ya Ho Wa 13](#), founded in 1969 in Los Angeles by Father Yod, a



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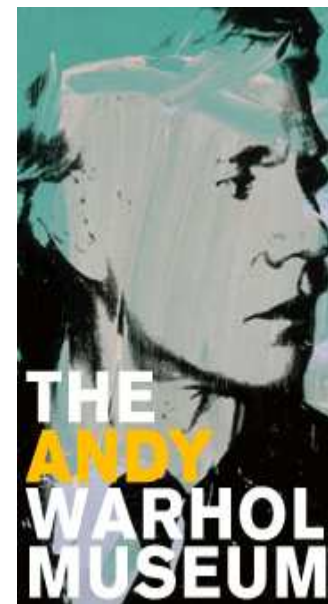
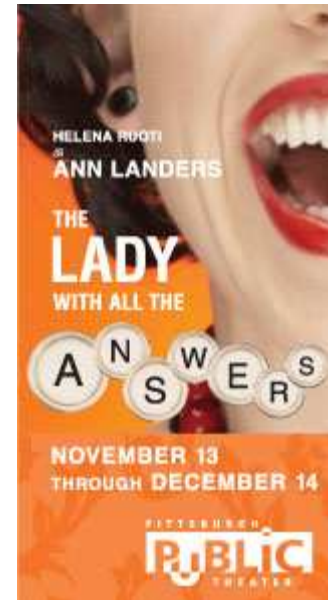


spiritual leader who founded a religious commune called The Source Family. The collective, which also opened L.A.'s first vegetarian restaurant and published cookbooks, is suddenly generating a new wave of hype and adulation by longtime followers, critics and newly anointed folk-rock darlings like Devendra Banhart.

Ya Ho Wa's nine records—all extremely rare and highly collectible—spotlight the group's unrehearsed psychedelic aesthetic, tribal drumming practices and distorted guitar stylings. Considered by many to be one of the singular psychedelic bands of the 20th century, the group released records as small-press runs and sold them for \$10 at Father Yod's popular vegetarian Source Restaurant on the Sunset Strip.

Djin's appearance in Pittsburgh may be a bellwether for fans of Ya Ho Wa 13's surreal psych-rock. The U.K.-based label Swordfish Records is working to re-release the group's legendary records, and just this year, surviving members, a.k.a. Sunflower, Octavius and Djin (Father Yod perished in a hang-gliding accident in 1975), reformed to play gigs in California. Expected to tour in the U.S. and Europe this fall, Ya Ho Wa 13 is also known to feature Sky Saxon, singer of seminal garage band, The Seeds.

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