



*"They're from somewhere in Oklahoma. The part of Oklahoma that has UFO cults, bathtub acid, wizard robes, custom vans and amplifiers the size of refrigerators. There's a good chance Rainbows will blow your mind for good, so use caution..." - Ken McIntyre, Classic Rock Magazine*

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**Rainbows Are Free's** sonic locus appears on the rock n' roll family tree at the point where proto-metal and heavy psychedelia shared a common apocryphal ancestor before branching off into their own distinct lineages.

RAF formed in late 2007 as the conglomerate of several long-time heavy rock bands from Norman, OK. In February 2008, RAF self-released an eponymous demo EP. A year later they began work on a full length album *Believers In Medicine*, which was released in April 2010 on Guestroom Records Records (GRR). They followed up with their second album on GRR in 2014 with the release of *Waves Ahead of the Ocean*, which saw international distribution by Cargo Records UK. All three releases were recorded at the legendary Bell Labs recording studio (engineered and mixed by Trent Bell of Chainsaw Kittens fame) in Norman, OK.

The release of the band's third full length album, *Head Pains*, on Italian Stoner/Doom/Sludge label Argonauta Records (Arenzano, GE) with vinyl support from Horton Records (Tulsa, OK USA), has firmly established the band as a mainstay of underground heaviness while further exhibiting the band's unique voice -- setting them apart from contemporaries of heavy psychedelic, doom, and stoner rock with whom they've shared the stage (High on Fire, Dead Meadow, St. Vitus, The Sword, Big Business, Pallbearer, Kylesa, etc.).

Often appearing in costumed stage dress, the band, fronted by the soaring and snarling nigh 7-foot cyclone of weirdness that is Brandon Kistler, continues to shock and amaze fans by introducing an element of good-humored theatrics to accompany their live sonic assault. This is achieved in no small part due to the guitar prowess and songwriting of Richie Tarver, joined by the ambient soundscapes of Joey Powell on rhythm guitar, and the thunderous low end of Jason Smith on bass, and Bobby Onspaugh on drums.

**Rainbows Are Free** continue to bring their unique brand of psychedelic heaviness on tour as they support the release of *Head Pains* due out Fall 2019.

RAF is:

Brandon Kistler - Vocals

Richie Tarver - Lead Guitar

Jason Smith - Bass

Joey Powell - Rhythm Guitar

Bobby Onspaugh - Drums

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