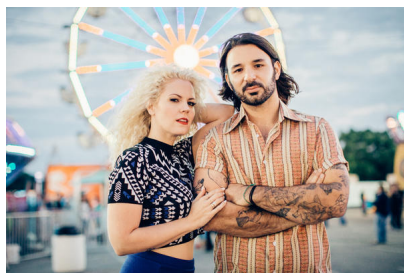# July 17: Smooth Hound Smith at Ak-Chin Pavilion

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Meet Smooth Hound Smith, the American roots duo opening for The Dixie Chicks on Sunday, July 17 at Ak-Chin Pavilion.

The pair is currently based in East Nashville, Tenn., where they record and perform a varied and unique style of folky, garage-infused rhythm and blues. The California natives, "one-man-band" Zack Smith (guitars/vocals/foot drums/harmonicas/banjo) and Caitlin Doyle (vocals/percussion) met in 2008, shortly there-after fell in love and, in 2012, established Smooth Hound Smith. Both Smith and Doyle were drawn to music at a young age, perfecting and finding their style and eventually finding each other—their music perfectly complemented the other's to create a beautiful and refreshing sound.

Smooth Hound Smith has both a professional and personal relationship with The Dixie Chicks. After hearing the band perform in Los Angeles, Dixie Chick Natalie Maines used the music discovery app "shazam" to find the band. Maines instantly became a fan and shortly after, the bands struck up a relationship and started co-writing songs together. The Dixie Chicks have embraced Smooth Hound Smith, inviting them on tour.

Sunday will not be the first time Smooth Hound Smith has played in Arizona, with Flagstaff being one of the first stops on their early touring career. When asked if there was anything the pair was excited to see in Arizona, Smith replied, "I hear you guys have a big hole." Doyle looks forward to receiving recommendations from locals for vintage shops and restaurants.

The band is excited to tour with the Dixie Chicks, they also are looking forward to their wedding which is one week after the tour ends. As for the future, Smith says they have plans to work on a new record, a possible European tour and to "keep rocking!"

Listen to Smooth Hound Smith's second full-length album, *Sweet Tennessee Honey,* released Jan. 15, 2016.

Learn more about the duo and purchase tickets at http://www.smoothhoundsmith.com/home.