



### *Full Bio*

Soul Candy is an R&B/Funk/Soul/Pop fusion band founded in Tallahassee, FL by singer, songwriter and producer Farah Bijou in 2020. Gilbert Voegtlin, trained as a Jazz pianist, is a lover of sounds that will make you dance, cry, or both. Bassist Andrew Rafferty plays with a hypnotic presence and style that is unmatched. Drummer Lawrence Turner is the band's heartbeat, bringing a magnetic vibrance to their distinct dance-heavy sound. Bijou's mesmerizing stage presence; nuanced, introspective lyrics; and masterful vocals are the icing on the cake.

The band's debut release, "Sweet Tooth" is a testament to the band's journey as they quickly dominate the music scene in North Florida and beyond. The lyrics of "Bloom," track one of the EP, came from a poem Bijou wrote about heartbreak, her love for music, and most importantly, who she sees herself becoming as she "grows through the motions" of life. The sweetness of the melody of the chorus and lyrical allusions to nature give the song a simultaneous feeling of strong grounding and gentle comfort, as well as a relatable timelessness for the listener's own journey through life.

In conjunction, their second single on the EP, "Yerba," is an infectious Latin funk-pop tune. The song speaks on the anxieties surrounding outside influences being all too present in the pursuit of dreams.

Following their first ever festival performance at Okeechobee Music & Arts Festival's Grand Artique stage in March of 2023, Soul Candy looks forward to their upcoming move to Atlanta, Georgia where the band will establish their new home base. They anticipate an exciting future of growth and creation as they continue work on their debut album. Fans of the band, known lovingly as "soulmates," can look forward to plenty of music, performances, and content as Soul Candy branches out of their hometown into the next phase of their journey.