



Christin Knorr and Trish Sie are the force and farce behind the Snark-a-Snoops.

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What happens when you toss some catchy pop music, a bit of fun choreography, and a bunch of kooky science experiments into a giant test tube, add a dropperful of cheeky humor, and shake it up? Out comes a wacky couple of singing, dancing, crackpot lady scientists... The Snark-a-Snoops!

Since releasing their first music CD, "Who's Living in This Cave?!" a year ago, the Snark-a-Snoops have been delighting audiences throughout Central Florida with their live show "Sing, Dance & Do Science with the Snark-a-Snoops!" The stage performance — a manic improvisational blend of original music, dance numbers and what the Snoops refer to as "crazy kitchen table science" — is different every time it is performed and has been featured at The Orlando Science Center, the Orlando Museum of Art, the Maitland Children's Art Festival, The Orlando Downtown Public Library, Barnes & Noble and The Zebra Room. Currently, "Sing, Dance & Do Science with the Snark-a-Snoops!" is featured during 10:30 a.m. shows on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays through the end of the month at The Sak Comedy Lab in downtown Orlando, 380 West Amelia St. ([www.sak.com](http://www.sak.com))

But that is not all the Snark-a-Snoops bunch has been up to; they've also entered, and altered, the movie world. And on hand to capture the entire movie-making escapade was local production company, Sparks Pictures, which partnered with the Snark-a-Snoops to produce a television pilot and movie called "Grocery Carnival!" Infused with vibrant colors and brought to life with quirky characters, the *Snark-a-Snoops* and "Grocery Carnival!" bring audiences young and old on an unforgettably wild ride through the scientific process.

From postulation to hypothesis to scientific conclusion, there's no shortage of eye-popping science, madcap antics and infectious musical numbers. "Grocery Carnival!" was shot on location at the Orlando Science Center, the Central Florida Center for Performing Arts, and Clemons Market, in September 2005. The world premiere screening of the completed movie took place Dec. 10 at the Sak Comedy Lab in downtown Orlando. Conceived, written, developed, produced, and directed right here in Orlando, "Grocery Carnival!" is the collaborative effort of local kids entertainers, The Snark-a-Snoops, and Orlando production company, Sparks Pictures, with additional support from other Central Florida organizations, such as The Orlando Science Center, The Central Florida Center for Performing Arts, and Clemons Produce Market.

"We wanted to make it happen here at home, around the people and places we know and love," says Christin Knorr of the Snark-a-Snoops. "Yeah," quips her partner, Trish Sie. "Why export ourselves?" Knorr and Sie agree that Central Florida has provided more than enough talent, energy and knowhow to make the production a success. "While we created this production on a grand scale in the hopes of someday being seen on national TV, we didn't want our pilot episode to look like everyone else. For instance, we shot everything here in town and on location, instead of getting stuck on a soundstage somewhere.

"The crew was completely local ... everyone worked tirelessly. We were able to involve top technicians who were willing to work for a lot less money than they deserve simply because they believe in our project. It was truly a group effort; everyone was so in tune with each other. We're pretty proud of what this city has offered." Essential to the success of "Grocery Carnival!" is Sparks Pictures. Established in January 2004, Sparks Pictures is a production studio located between Universal and downtown Orlando. Their 4,000-square-foot production facility combines cameras, lighting trucks and editorial services under one roof. With a focus of bringing their