

# a minute jack forum



## biography

Inconspicuously founded in 2005 by friends and long-time collaborators, Brian Thorpe and Matt Duranceau, A Minute Jack Forum subsisted for nearly two years on a handful of home recordings and wishful thinking. Even after securing the aid of bassist/songwriter David Leemkuil and drummer Ken Hale in the spring of 2007, little was certain about how the assemblage would evolve.

All the same, A Minute Jack Forum forged ahead, triangulating its sound from previous experience – having played such venues as Chicago’s Metro and Lounge Axe, along with Madison establishments like O’Cayz Corral and the Memorial Union Terrace with previous ventures. The results run the breadth of alt-rock, touching on common themes of heartbreak and personal regret while offering new contexts for NASA and Bigfoot.

A Minute Jack Forum finally emerged in 2008, sharing the bill with many talented independent artists while peddling their newest expressions on show-goers about Wisconsin and the Midwest. The band debuted their first full-length recording – *Traction Blip* – in July 2010.

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## press comments

*“It’s pretty safe to say that [A Minute Jack Forum](#) is unlike anything else in Madison. How they achieve this with standard rock outfit instrumentation, without keyboards, is admirable. AMJF is one of those ensembles that blend retro rock influences with forward-looking aesthetics...AMJF is subtle, using texture and a variety of acoustic and electric guitar sounds to create a compelling sonic palette.”*

*Rick Tvedt – Local Sounds Magazine*

*“...their debut is a very smartly arranged, confident-sounding collection of guitar rock. There are enough hooky numbers to please guitar pop fans, and the occasionally suite-like song structures also provide the complexity to please listeners looking for something a bit more challenging.”*

*Bob Koch – the Daily Page / Isthmus*

*“A fairly recent band bolstered by years of collective experience, gallant mavericks A Minute Jack Forum beautifully brew a broiling stew of bronco blues and rousing frontier rock...”*

*John Noyd – Maximum Ink*

*Lyricaly, I think A Minute Jack Forum really nailed it with this album. The lyrics are thought provoking and intelligently crafted, and even slightly cheeky.*

*Kat Kosiec – Dane101.com*

*“...I have a good feeling that they are worth keeping an eye on.”*

*Jesse Russell – Dane101.com*