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Greensky Bluegrass different from average bluegrass

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Greensky Bluegrass played at the Bottleneck in Lawrence Saturday night, June 16.

Bluegrass music is rooted from country music, and the genre traditionally consists of the use of acoustic stringed instruments. But not bluegrass jam rock band, Greensky Bluegrass.

“We are more rock ‘n’ roll than other bluegrass bands,” Anders Beck, Greensky Bluegrass’ dobro player, said, “It’s more guitarists and pedals. We are jam grass.”

Formed in Kalamazoo, Mich. in 2000, Greensky Bluegrass consists of seasoned veterans Bruzza (guitar), Anders Beck (dobro), Mike Devol (upright bass), Mike Bont (banjo), and Paul Hoffinan (mandolin).

Greensky Bluegrass has been touring all over the country since their formation.

“Each region has it’s own awesome parts to it,” Beck proclaims, “We played in Hawaii for the first time, which was pretty awesome, to say the least.”

One of the band’s favorite places to play is in Telluride, Co., at the Telluride Bluegrass Festival, which has been going on for over 39 years. This year, it takes place from June 21 to June 24. Greensky Bluegrass gets to join other successful bluegrass artists such as Yonder Mountain String Band, Bela Fleck, Leftover Salmon and The Devil Makes Three.

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