



All Star Cover Band to Rock the Fourth

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Get ready to rock 'n' roll because the All Star Cover Band will headline the Palisades Rocks the Fourth Concert at the Palisades High School stadium prior to the fireworks show.

The band consists of rockers who have played with the Foo Fighters, Wallflowers, Blind Melon, Neil Young and Pink, according to concert organizer Keith Turner.

"After country last year (Chris Shiflett) and British ska the year before (The English Beat), it's time to rock the Palisades with classic rock songs performed by top professional musicians," Turner said. "We are really lucky to get this group because they generally only perform at special or private events because of their commitments to the major bands they are associated with. We really appreciate Chris Shiflett for hooking us up with this band."

All Star Cover Band keyboardist Rami Jaffee is a friend to the Palisades. Growing



The All Star Cover Band will be performing at the Palisades Rocks the Fourth Concert preceding the fireworks.

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up, he was in a band called World Zen with Patrick Hildebrand Jr. of the Amazing Music Store on Swarthmore. The two

could share the stage once again as Hildebrand's current band, The Ooks of Hazard, may also play, Turner said.

"I was hanging out in the Palisades from day one, and going to the beach down at Temescal," said Jaffee, who grew up in the Hollywood area. "I am a keyboard player, but my first guitar I bought at Amazing Music . . . we used to hang out there all day."

What songs can you expect from Jaffee and his gang on July 4?

"It'll span different generations from the Rolling Stones classics, Tom Petty, every generation's going to love it," said Jaffee, a keyboardist who has played with the Foo Fighters and the Wallflowers.

He will be joined by Dave Krusen, a former Pearl Jam drummer; Christopher Thorn, a guitarist of Blind Melon fame; Rick Rosas, a bassist who has jammed with Neil Young and Joe Walsh; Jessy Greene, a violinist formerly of Wilco who has played with Pink; and Jonny Kaplan, a well-respected singer and songwriter in the L.A. music scene.

Jaffee used to laugh when he heard about bands of successful musicians getting together to play corporate events, benefits or fundraisers.

"Like the one with Dave Navarro and all those guys, Camp Freddy, they play covers," Jaffee said. "I used to be like, why are they even doing that? And now I see why they're doing it, because people are dying for that kind of like campy, chilly-jam cover—not serious like your new record kind of serious—and also done by players that really have been seasoned and also can play stadiums around the world. It really does make sense."

For tickets and volunteer opportunities at the concert, visit: palisadesparade.org or palisadesrocksthefourth.org. Admission for the concert and fireworks is \$10.