

Local country band Jump the Gunn plays SoNo tonight.

Giddyup - SoNo dun gone country

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NORWALK — Tonight may be the perfect time to dust off your cowboy boots as the plaza at 50 Washington Street will become "countrified" with a performance by local country band Jump the Gunn. As the fourth concert in SoNo Corporate Center-sponsored free summer concert series, organizers are expecting a large crowd of country music fans.

"Jump the Gunn is a local country band," said Stacey Hascoe, assistant director at SoNo Corporate Center. "They have a tremendous following."

Marc Aquila, vocalist for Jump the Gunn, attributes their popularity to the changes in country music.

SoNo Corporate Center Concert Series

SONO CONCERT SERIES-JUMP THE GUNN: 5:30 TO 9 P.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 AT 50 WASHINGTON STREET, SOUTH NORWALK. FREE ADMISSION. RAIN OR SHINE.

"Country music has gotten so popular because it's crossed over into pop and rock," said Aquila. "We've all played in other bands and we can't believe the popularity of this music. We've never had a following like this."

Aquila characterized the band's style as "modern country," and they will be playing music by Toby Keith, Jason Aldean and Kenny Chesney.

The Stamford-based Jump the Gunn features: Gary Lee on lead vocals, R.J. Walters on lead guitar and vocals, Dale Glifort on bass and vocals, Mike Lockwood on

rhythm guitar and vocals, Tony Possidento on drums and vocals, and Marc Aquila on keyboards and vocals.

The summer series, now in its second year, and was the brain-child of Hascoe.

"I'm from Austin, Texas, and music is like a natural thing for us," Hascoe said. "I wanted to create some community events here to bring people into South Norwalk."

The six-performance series has a charitable component to it as well.

Admission is free; however,

drinks and food will be available for purchase at participating restaurants, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Norwalk Seaport Association.

The participating restaurants are: Gingerman, Jeff's Cuisine, and Plaza Deli.

"This series is a great opportunity for people to come out and have a good time, as well as a chance to support a local charity," said Hascoe.

SoNo Concert series-Jump the Gunn: 5:30 to 9 p.m., Thursday, August 23 at 50 Washington Street, South Norwalk. Free admission. Rain or shine.

Upcoming concerts: The Bernadettes on Thursday, Sept. 6 and Ronnie Penque on Thursday, Sept. 20.

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