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Jackson Gillies and his band JAX PLAYS DEAD: SOhO to Vegas in one week

SANTA BARBARA, CA—Singer/songwriter *Jackson Gillies* heads up a *Grateful Dead* cover band called *JAX PLAYS DEAD* and the week of 4/20 will be a doozy! Last April *JAX PLAYS DEAD* played a memorable *sold-out* show at the historic Alcazar Theatre in Carpinteria.

This year *JAX PLAYS DEAD* has an action-packed week in April again! The band will perform at local favorite *SOhO Nightclub* on *Sunday, April 20th, at 6:30*. The evening will kick off with an opening set by *Ladyfinger*, another Dead cover band for which Jackson plays both stand up and electric bass/vocals. *Sunday's show* is presented by *Carpinteria Dead Family* with vendors on the scene.

JAX PLAYS DEAD line-up includes *Jackson Gillies* on guitar/vocals, *Jaden Lehman* on guitar/vocals, *David McInnes* and *Sasha Cohen* on drums, *Chris and Sky Ulep* on keys/vocals and *Toby Still* on bass/vocals.

Once the SOhO show wraps, *JAX PLAYS DEAD* is off to VEGAS for a late night 11:30 pm to 3 am show! The band is thrilled and excited to be part of the *Shakedown After Dark concert series* at the *Tuscany Casino & Suites in the Copa Room*. *Shakedown Las Vegas* is a city within itself with hundreds of Grateful Dead artisans/vendors (including JAYLI.com) with after-shows where Deadheads flock, having just been mesmerized by *Dead & Company* and epic visuals at *THE SPHERE*.

JAX PLAYS DEAD at the *Copa Room* is *FREE* thanks to Shakedown After Dark. so if you've always wondered what it's like to attend a Dead show and the scene, this night is for YOU!

Jackson burst onto the scene at age 16 within months of moving to

Santa Barbara by winning the *2016 Teen Star USA*. Since then he was invited to audition on *"American Idol"* where his televised audition for 2019 was advertised as *"best for last"* on network television. That audition with *28 million views* on FB shed light on a subject for which Jackson produced and performed two first-ever events: an **HS** (**Hidradenitis Suppurativa**) awareness concert and TEDx talk found on **TED.com**.

Jackson has been blessed to be mentored by and performed with *Kenny Loggins*. Jackson was invited to perform a Kenny Loggins cover tune and one original on *a Kenny Loggins Compilation Album called CaliAmericana II* released by *Santa Barbara Records*. Jackson covered *"This It It"* accompanied by the one and only, *Brian Mann*. Jackson has also been part of musical productions with *Tariqh Akoni, Michael McDonald, Jim Messina, and Randy Tico* while raising funds for important causes. In 2023 Jackson was honored with the *2023 Youth Philanthropist award* by the *Association of Fundraising Professionals of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties*.

Hope to see you at *SOHO, Santa Barbara, on Sunday, April 20th, at 6:30 pm* and if you make it to the VEGAS show on *Thursday, April 24th, from 11:30 pm to 3 am at the Tuscany Casino and Suites/Copa Room* it will be a scene you won't soon forget!

For more on Jackson Gillies, bookings, events, music, and more go to *JacksonSings.com* and follow on *Instagram at @Jackson.gillies and his new page @jaxplaysdead*

