



**a)** Four of the five members of Aviator Stash hail from Carlsbad. **b)** The band recently released its second album, “Prescribed.” **c)** Known for its electric live shows, Aviator Stash has also won the San Diego Music Award for Best Indie/Alternative Band two years in a row (photos courtesy of Aviator Stash).

## A Dose of Good Vibes

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For decades, San Diego County has cultivated a thriving musical ecosystem. With chart-busting bands (Blink 182, Switchfoot), legendary venues (The Casbah, Brick by Brick), solo icons (Eddie Vedder, Jason Mraz) and even music writers (Lester Bangs, Cameron Crowe), our musical roots run deep and wide. Soon, Carlsbad may be adding homegrown group Aviator Stash to those ranks.

Four Carlsbad natives—singer Greg Kellogg, drummer Tyler Pinto, keyboardist Drew Lang and bassist Disraeli Odalys—plus San Marcos native and lead guitarist Sal Russo make up the Aviator Stash roster. They spent nearly a decade performing in rival bands before joining forces three years ago.

Since then, the band has quickly made a name for itself. In July, Aviator Stash won the San Diego Music Award for Best Indie/Alternative Band for the second year in a row. Their sophomore album, “Prescribed,” fuses funk, jazz, ’80s synth wave and indie rock. This musical amalgam delivers contagiously danceable grooves, lush soundscapes, earworm melodies and relatable lyrics, reflecting the tranquil vitality of North County. The video for the single “Shot Song”

features Carlsbad hotspots including the beachside cliffs of Terramar and the Golden Tee Cocktail Lounge.

Community and connectivity inspire the group both in its songwriting and its pulsating live performances.

“We’re part of that generation where... the handshake is how you meet someone,” says Kellogg. “When we play a live show, that is like shaking someone’s hand. They’re seeing you. They’re focusing on you. And they’re like, ‘Wow! You totally broke me out of a funk!’”

Throughout the pandemic, Aviator Stash has focused on writing new music. Now more than ever, their beach party vibes are the exact remedy our community needs. Keep your eye on Aviator Stash—this band is a lit fuse that’s about to explode.

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