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deSoL will shine in Boston

[WBOS](#) is sponsoring a free concert on Thursday, August 5 featuring [deSoL](#), a Latin rock band from Asbury Park, New Jersey.

I've followed the band since their formation in 2001, thanks to their first photographer, Jamie, who shot pictures of the band's rehearsals for media advisories and a pre-domain website. I knew Jamie from an Internet chat forum, and while we never met in person, I learned to appreciate her work and began to enjoy the sounds of deSoL and other musicians she photographed.

Three years later, after numerous concerts around the country including opening for headliners such as Blues Traveler and Cypress Hill, deSoL marked their Boston-area debut with an electrifying performance at the Ryles Jazz Club on August 21 2004.

I remember emailing a Boston Globe editor with a pitch to write a preview of that concert, knowing I'd have access to the band through Jamie. The editor's response: "No thanks."

I attended that concert with a mix of friends, and everyone walked away with a smile on their face and a foot that kept tapping. I remember chatting with lead vocalist and acoustic guitarist Albie Monterossa, telling him of my fascination with the band since 2001, and he also smiled. Nice guy.

I've followed deSoL over the past three years, and while I've known they've played around the city, I never saw them again.

On Thursday evening, I'll stroll down memory lane and see deSoL again, opened by R&B sensation Ryan Shaw.