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## deSol mentors today and performs tonight

**deSol, 8 p.m., Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. \$15 and \$20. (732) 499-8226, [www.ucac.org](http://www.ucac.org)**

You couldn't ask for success to happen to a nicer bunch of guys than the Jersey Shore-based Latin pop band deSol. After working hard and patiently for nearly a year to show Curb Records that it could build a national following, deSol will release its self-titled debut on the Nashville-based label. The July 26 outing originally was to come out last August.

Whereas most bands might have gotten disheartened, deSol preserved, bringing its bright, polyrhythmic mix of American and Latin roots, pop, rock and dance music to Japan, Mexico and Miami.

Tonight the band again will headline at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway, where it will play such hot songs off the long-awaited album as "Spanish Radio," the title track to its impressive 2002 indie debut.

Managed by Oscar-winning songwriter Franke Previte of the legendary Jersey Shore band Franke & the Knockouts, deSol has been influenced by Previte's well-known philanthropy. Before the 8 p.m. concert, the group will participate in the Arts Center's Ronald McDonald House-sponsored Mentors in Music program. At 3:30 p.m., the workshop will allow children to learn about and try to perform deSol's rich Latin and delicious poppy rhythms.

The band will be touring the Southeast in early June and has a spot at Lollapalooza in Chicago this summer and Austin City Limits in the fall. **Info:** [www.desolmusic.com](http://www.desolmusic.com)

Tonight's honorable mention

Blues great Sonny Rhodes may have canceled at Orphan Annie's, but the opening act-turned-headliner, Dean Shot Blues Review, is worth seeing tonight. There's no cover charge before 9 p.m. Afterward, it's \$5. Orphan Annie's is at 1255 Valley Road in the Stirling section of Long Hill Township. Call (908) 647-0138 or visit [www.oannies.com](http://www.oannies.com) for club info. Visit <http://shotofblues.tripod.com/> for more about the band.

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