

## ArtsCrawl gets ready to dance

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### Southern rock band headlines ArtsCrawl's return

ArtsCrawl is coming back in a big way after taking a year and a half off due to the pandemic.

Rhonda Quintana, the event's coordinator, has big plans for the opening ArtsCrawl, which is set for Oct. 9. One of those big plans is bringing in a Southern rock band called Christopher Shayne from Phoenix, Ariz.

The band is called Christopher Shayne, and Quintana said their popularity is growing. One of their music videos, "NiceRide," has 1.6 million views on YouTube, and they have almost 6,000 followers on Instagram.

In an interview with the *Sun*, Christopher Shayne explained that the band formed after he and lead guitarist Dave Lansing left another band and went out on their own. Shayne and Lansing recorded the band's first album in 2016, and came out with two EPs after three more members joined.

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Shayne said they're looking to start work on their second full-length album this winter.

Shayne said he was looking forward to playing at ArtsCrawl.

"It's always exciting going into a place we've never been with our music before and showing what we can do," Shayne said.

The band has actually been to Gallup. But they've never played in the city. Shayne shared that their trailer broke down in Gallup in early September, and they spent 12 hours exploring the town while it was being repaired.

Like any other musician, the band hasn't been able to perform for large crowds due to COVID-19. Shayne talked about how eager he was to be back playing shows.

"[I'm excited about] the fact that we can do it again," Shayne said. "COVID shut everything down, and music looked not fun there for a while."

Shayne's favorite part about performing is interacting with the fans, which is something he certainly missed in 2020.

"I'm a big fan of acknowledging the space and the people ... and making it almost like a conversation," Shayne said. "For a while there we were missing that conversation, so that's what I'm really looking forward to."

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