

Desert Undertones

Instrumental Desert Surf Rock — Tucson, AZ



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Biography:

Desert Undertones are an instrumental surf rock band based in Tucson, Arizona

They have garnered a following for their unique blend of classic 60's surf rock influences, reminiscent of Dick Dale and The Ventures, with elements of more modern groups such as Jon & the Nightriders, Insect Surfers, Slacktone and Los Straitjackets. Drawing additional inspiration from the iconic spaghetti western soundtracks of Ennio Morricone.

The band has played some notable shows including: Surfin' Sunday at Huntington Beach Pier, Surf-By-Surf-East in Austin, two Spaghetti Western Festivals in Los Angeles, and Surfapalooza in Tucson.

And they've been honored to share the stage with some high profile surf bands such as Insect Surfers, Surfer Joe, and The Tourmaliners.

Their debut EP, titled "Paniolo," was released in December 2023, followed by several singles throughout 2024.

In December 2024, they released their first full-length album, "The Sentinel."

The most recent album, "En Regalia," was released in November 2025.

Desert Undertones Are:

Dylan Oldham - Guitar
Gene Torres - Bass
Curt Pleiss - Drums

Our show contains a mix of original music and a few surf covers ranging from the early 60s classics through the 80s & 90s second and third wave of surf popularized with the movie Pulp Fiction, to current artists continuing the tradition and pushing the genre forward.





Latest Album Release “En Regalia”

The band’s second full length album.

Released on vinyl, CD, and all streaming platforms
Nov 13, 2025 and available for high resolution
download at:

[Desert Undertones Bandcamp](#)

Some Past Highlights:

Nov 2025 - Released second full length album “En Regalia”

Nov 2025 — Two “spaghetti western” themed shows with LA surf legends Insect Surfers in Los Angeles, CA

Sep 2025 — Surfin’ Sundays show at the pier Huntington Beach, CA

Jul 2025 - Show with San Diego surf band The Tourmaliners in San Diego, CA

Jul 2025 — Surfapalooza surf music festival in Tucson, AZ

Mar 2025 — Surf By Surf East surf music festival in Austin, TX

Feb 2025 — Valentine’s in Valentine music festival in Valentine, TX

Feb 2025 — Show with international surf legend Surfer Joe in Tucson, AZ

Dec 2024 — Released full-length album “The Sentinel”

May 2024 — Released 2-sided single “Massacre Canyon”

Dec 2023 — Released debut EP “Paniolo”

Upcoming Schedule Highlights

Dec 19, 2025 — Rialto Theatre, Tucson, AZ

Dec 20, 2025 — MotoSonora, Tucson, AZ

Feb 25, 2026 — Brick Box, Tucson, AZ with Los Angeles surf band “Tequila Worms:

Feb 26, 2026 — Rhythm Room, Phoenix, AZ with Los Angeles surf band “Tequila Worms”

Mar 14, 2026 — Festival Of Books, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Press Highlights:

The Continental Magazine (review of Massacre Canyon 7”) — “these songs feature some great performances, songwriting and production ... they have an enticing sound that really delivers some vivid imagery”

JFJ Conspiracy Podcast (review of Paniolo) — “Its delicious, its twangy ... well engineered, well produced and well written”

Pi Records (review of Massacre Canyon) — “Great spaghetti western vibe ... very cinematic ... they really delivered on this one”

Dave Arson of Insect Surfers (commenting on The Sentinel & Paniolo) — “your stuff is really good and well recorded ... I’ve had Paniolo and The Sentinel in my CD player for many weeks now”

Colorado Instrumental Fanzine, Issue #3, Winter 2024 — Full 5-page band interview.

Pipeline Magazine UK Issue #130 Spring 2025 — “The Sentinel” album selected #5 on editors top playlist.

