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Fair Manager Jams with his Band at The Fair

San Jose, CA – Capping his pen and busting out his electric guitar, Rich Thomas, the Santa Clara County Fair Manager, along with five other band members will perform their musical set as Corduroy Jim on Saturday of the Fair.

“I really enjoy playing music with this band and feel like we have a really good connection,” Thomas said. “When the band is all in sync and we are in the middle of the jam and the music is flowing, there is just nothing better than that.”

Consisting of members, Martin Rodriquez and Rich Thomas on guitars, Michael Pallidino on drums, Nick Chargin on keyboards, Steve Strom on bass and Jon Hassan on saxophone, this American soul rock band has played together on and off for the past 15 years.

The band performs original music and occasional covers. They produced two albums, “Hanger” in 2006 and “Cinco” in 2012, and are in the process of putting together another album.

Although Thomas is excited to be jamming with the band he still recognizes his responsibility to his job. “I tend to be a worry wart so I worry that I’m being a bit too extravagant by taking myself away from the job to be able to play with the band,” Thomas said. “But it was suggested and encouraged I do it and I feel like we should. I’m just trying to balance my love of playing music with my responsibly to the job and fair team.”

Courduroy Jim will be playing on August 1, at 3 p.m. on the Christopher Park Stage.

The Fair runs through Sunday information is available online at www.thefair.org

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