

“No Quarter” – it’s a term that Mexican General Santa Anna used on his troops at the Alamo: “No mercy to your enemies!”

The term “No Quarter” also ended up as the title of one of rock band Led Zeppelin’s most famous songs – from the “Houses of the Holy” album.

The members of the rock band No Quarter see a connection between themselves, General Santa Anna and Led Zeppelin.

For one thing, the band’s music is relentless in nature. Though guitarist/vocalist Ron Gonzales, drummer Gary Gonzales and bassist Brad Triplehorn play many well-known cover songs from rock’s greatest bands, they know that merely playing the songs like the record just cannot cut it.

“We like to play songs that people know, but we’re not interested in just going through the motions,” Gary Gonzales says. “That means that we have to present the songs with so much energy and passion. That way, people come away going, ‘Those guys tore that song up!’”

In a good way of course, and with more than 50 years of combined musicianship, the boys of No Quarter tend to, well, “tear things up.” But not only music-wise.

“Part of what draws people to us is our live show,” Triplehorn said. “Our frontman always makes some kind of connection, whether it’s getting women to dance on tables during ‘Girls Got Rhythm’ (the AC/DC classic) or getting the whole crowd to clap their hands at the beginning of ‘Some Kind of Wonderful’ (first done by Grand Funk Railroad). He is kind of our ace in the hole.”

Ron Gonzales, a veteran of Albuquerque punk and metal bands and teacher at Grants High School, finally realized his dream to stand alongside his brother on stage with the creation of No Quarter. He says that the chemistry between them is what you’d expect of any famous brothers in rock bands: the Van Halen brothers, even the Young brothers of AC/DC.

“When we get on stage, there is just such a synergy that I have never felt with any other musician,” Ron says. “Add Brad into the mix, and we are a hard band to top.”

Surely, Triplehorn is not merely eye candy in the band. His bottom end is crucial to the Gonzales brothers’ precision, and Triplehorn is no stranger to feeling pressure. He is a retired teacher from Los Alamos Middle School, in Grants, and in fact won a Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year award for being outstanding at his job. He says, however, that the pressure his students placed on him does not compare to the pressure he feels in controlling the low end frequencies with Gary.

“He is probably the best drummer I have ever heard,” Triplehorn said. “That makes my job tough; he and I are responsible for driving the beat home!”

All that’s left now is for the world to witness the wonder of a top-notch cover band on stage. Heck, the boys in No Quarter feel like calling themselves “The Premier Cover Band in New Mexico” might not be far off the mark.

“We play pretty much everything,” Gary says. “We love to rock, but we are so in tune with our crowds, they’ll never know when we might pull something special out of our hats.”

No Quarter is now available for booking. Contact the band at ronald_gonzales@hotmail.com or by phone at 505.783.4405. Any of the band members are available for interview, and high-resolution, print quality pictures are also available.

