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South First Band releases first album with success

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The South First Band has more than enough reason to celebrate.

The Lufkin foursome released their first CD, "Like the Movies," which was produced in a studio, released on March 6 and is available at Hastings Entertainment in Nacogdoches or on the band's Web site, [www.southfirstband.com](http://www.southfirstband.com).

According to band members, the album has gotten a lot of solid feedback and has been well received among their fans.

"We have gotten a lot of e-mails, phone calls and comments from people who know us and they have been real positive," band member Stephen Adams said. "A lot of our friends have been waiting on this album for about two years and we have even gotten a lot of good feedback from radio stations as well."

The band, made up of Adams, Warren Smyrl, Pat Overstreet and Jeff Havard, will be "officially" celebrating the release in their hometown area with a show Saturday at Banita Creek Hall in Nacogdoches.

The band says that many things went into this album, which has several stories about friendships, relationships and going through tough times.

"We all wrote different songs and brought them to the table to decide what we wanted," Smyrl said. "We felt this was the best group of songs to put an album together and see where it goes."

"Like The Movies," and songs like "Something Real," "Backroads" and the "Wake Up Wanting Me," give listeners a taste of love, friendship, loyalty and good times. A very guitar-driven, fun sound blends perfectly with South First Band's songwriting, offering listeners an original sound in Texas Country and the Red Dirt Music scene that cannot be ignored.

The South First Band returns to Banita Creek Hall two weeks later to help one of their stronger supporters in the music business as they open for Brandon Rhyder on Saturday, March 31, when he records a live album from the venue.

"Brandon has always been a real big supporter of us," Adams said. "He's been in our shoes before and it's going to be a fun show."

The band's first single, "Wake Up Wanting me," has been well received according to band members. The group was on a radio run Tuesday in the Dallas area to promote their CD.

"We are really concentrating on the state and regional area right now and see where it goes," Adams said. "Every musician wants to take their music as far as it goes and we are no different. Hopefully, fans will pick this album up and really like it."

The band first came together for the Colgate Country Showdown, where they won both their local and state level. From there, the band has grown from a local go-to country opening band to a well-known group that boasts a rocking sound with a country influence, exceptional 3- and 4-part harmonies and an impressive song lineup.

South First Band says their vocals set them apart from any other band in the scene. Their harmony acts as a fifth member to the band, adding something that only the four of them together could create.


The album's lead-off single, "Wake Up Wanting Me," highlights the foursome's writing talent and is a catchy tune that gets stuck in your head.

It is a positive, back-in-your-face love song that reminds you that love comes and goes.

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