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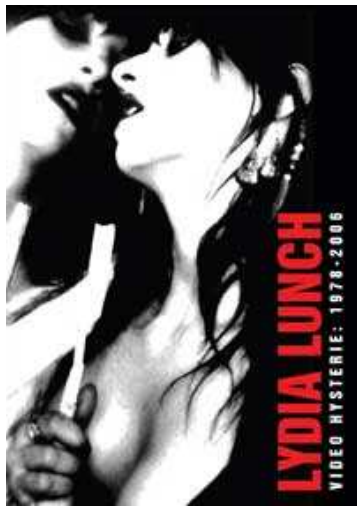



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Lydia Lunch DVD, Teenage Jesus Reunion A Go

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The original ultra-naughty No Wave mamma, Lydia Lunch, is getting a DVD retrospective. On June 10, MVD Visual will unleash *Lydia Lunch - Video Hysterie: 1978-2006*, which Ms. Lunch describes to us as, "A mainline injection of musical schizophrenia for all sick twists suffering from the Retro Virus."

The scum-sex, gutter culture brain bends Lunch initiated in the late '70s/early '80s, along with contemporaries like Destroy All Monsters, Sonic Youth and James Chance, have largely been metered down to angled haircuts and Visa-bought Casios in service of trying to stick out of the musical pack rather than take it down. But this DVD collection of Lunch's sound/visual experiments—featuring her early bands Teenage Jesus And The Jerks, 8 Eyed Spy, then continuing on with later collaborations with Terry Edwards and more—should remind the tons of current angst-art screechers what a real bawdy badass can do while trying to destroy rock history through demented grainy video ur-poems and bent punk.

If not, Lunch will be in the flesh when Teenage Jesus And The Jerks reunite for two shows at the Knitting Factory in New York on June 13. The band will feature Lydia, James Scavunos on drums and a lost member of TJ&TJ on bass. The show will coincide with the DVD, Atavistic Records' complete Teenage Jesus compilation (also out in June), and the release of a new book, *NO WAVE: Post Punk, Underground, New York, 1976-1980*, edited by Thurston Moore and Byron Coley.

MVD seems to have a never-ending stream of surprising punk artifacts spewing from their vaults. In June comes a new live 2005 Stooges show and a DVD of a 1983 in-studio practice session from original Cali-core cut-ups, D.I.

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