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Jesus Lizard: Club
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On the reunion trail Albini-favourites The Jesus Lizard show that even with a bit of paunch you can still put on a visceral show.

"What's the difference between Farrah Fawcett and Michael Jackson? About five hours." You'd expect nothing less tasteless from The Jesus Lizards shirtless front man to say before hitting straight into opening number Puss for their first reunion show in Nashville.



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If he doesn't pull off the ageless-and-shirtless look Iggy has perfected David Yow is still as manic and dangerous approaching fifty as he was back in the groups 90's prime, with his yelping and unhinged screaming unlike anyone else in alternative music before or since- very much like the bloke you'd cross the street to avoid.

Of course his ramblings wouldn't be nearly as compelling were he not backed by the filthy bass lines of David Sims, the rattle of Mac McNeilly's drums, nor the imaginative guitar lines of Duane Denison here reminding you just what an exciting racket they can produce.

With a set spanning throughout their six studio albums, although with heavy slant towards classics Goat and its equally brilliant follow up Liar, stormers such as Dancing Naked Ladies, Mouthbreather, and Seaisick would inspire anyone to get sweaty, shirtless and dive head first into a large crowd of people.

However, as a package it's far too basic with little in the way of extras for fans to fork out for, the performance by the group is compelling enough but certainly could have been peppered with some insight from members of the group.

If it's true that this is the last time the members will regroup, Yow and Sims are currently back with their pre-Jesus Lizard group Scratch Acid, then these shows looked like one hell of a way to go out.

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