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Jesus Lizard born again at Middle East

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Nine Inch Nails plays stadiums and arenas, and the **Jesus Lizard** broke up a few years ago. Those minor details aren't stopping the Middle East in Cambridge from getting bands like them into its Central Square nightclub.

Through DVD release parties, the Middle East has jumped into the fray of having bands onscreen as well as onstage. This year already, the nightclub has hosted DVD screening events by **Nine Inch Nails**, **Isis** and spotlighted the independent film "What is Indie?"

Next up is Tuesday's aptly named "The Jesus Lizard -- Live" downstairs, the same space where singer **David Yow** and his Chicago-based band mates blew the roof off in the '90s.

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But this isn't just a grab-some-popcorn-and-chill-out night. Augmenting the DVD viewing experience are live performances by **Gang Green** and **Buried in Leather**.

"I've been trying to accommodate screenings here whenever possible," said Middle East talent buyer **Kevin Hoskins**. "Personally, I think they are great events for their fans to get out of the house and meet each other."

Hoskins said he wanted to pair the screening with live acts that were influenced by the Jesus Lizard, bringing the night full-circle and keeping the live theme intact.

Although it's been years since the Jesus Lizard last toured, the live DVD has strong local roots, having been filmed on Oct. 4, 1994 at the former Venus de Milo nightclub on Lansdowne Street. The DVD also includes five songs from a gig at CBGB that same year, and has liner notes by **Michael Azerrad**, author of '80s underground rock portrait "Our Band Could Be Your Life."

"The Jesus Lizard -- Live" screens at the Middle East, 472 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, on Tuesday at 7 p.m. For ticket information, go to www.mideastclub.com

Client: Icy-cool and sexy

Icy-cool synth pop is nothing new in the 2000s, but few do it as sexy as **Client**, which is at T.T. the Bear's Place Thursday night (10 Brookline St., Cambridge; 9 p.m.). After all, what would you expect from the former frontwoman of **Dubstar** (**Sarah Blackwood**) and the wife of Creation Records' **Alan McGee** (**Kate Holmes**)? And just to show those synthesizer-lovin' Brits that Boston, too, can hang in the electro lounge, local romo-wave revivalists **Karakter**, featuring **Sean Drinkwater** of **Freezepop**, open things up, and **DJ Punketta** spins the tunes. Show details are at www.ttthebears.com.

Rock opera returns!

The ultimate champions of rock opera, the **Ultrasonic Rock Orchestra**, returns to the Regent Theatre on Medford Street in Arlington Thursday night at 8, kicking off its eight-night run of decadent tunes capturing a glitzier musical era gone by.

The revamped show incorporates classic songs by **the Beatles**, **the Rolling Stones** and **Queen**, among others. For ticket information, call the Regent Theatre box office at 617-646-4849 or go to www.regenttheatre.com. [\[continue\]](#)

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