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>>A Syd Trip

The Pink Floyd and Syd Barrett Story

Mon., Sept. 24, 8pm. Free. Khyber, 56 S. Second St. 215.238.5888. www.thekhyber.com

If your project is recapturing the spirit of the summer of love, think of *The Pink Floyd and Syd Barrett Story* as a kind of how-to by numbers. With swinging London as a backdrop and Barrett's startlingly gorgeous entourage as the cast, the story of a bright young artist who stumbles into the spotlight only to immediately fall is saved from cliché by its leading man, whose surreality and spotless freak-chic are brilliantly illustrated with interviews and spectacular live footage. Floyd's idiosyncratic first recordings, completed under Barrett's direction, epitomized the times. The best of Barrett's solo albums still sound like they're from the future. As girlfriends, roommates and colleagues discuss Barrett's descent into madness, the film presents the pitfalls of that '60s spirit. Finally, you're given a choice: Would you rather lose your mind taking too much acid, or end up a douche square like Roger Waters, writing shlock songs about your genius friends? (*Jeremy Butman*)