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Nick Oliveri

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Details:

Nick Oliveri, with Waiting for Signal and Old Black. Saturday, February 20, at Czar Bar.

Nick Oliveri pouring his heart out, coffeehouse-style, on acoustic guitar? What's next, **Lemmy Kilmister's** harpsichord tour? The gaunt, goateed Oliveri, with roots traceable to the Southern California

desert-rock band **Kyuss**, has led a desultory and never-tame life in music. He first caterwauled his way onto a national stage as the oft-naked bassist, screamer and secondary songwriter for **Queens of the Stone Age**, but **Josh Homme** fired him in 2004 for his allegedly unprofessional lifestyle choices. Oliveri found more accepting brethren in the sexually explicit, drug-lovin' **Dwarves**, with whom he has played bass under the alias Rex Everything. With members of his current band, **Mondo Generator**, on paternity leave, Oliveri apparently decided it was time to get in touch with his inner **John Denver**. His latest solo release, *Death Acoustic*, features Oliveri unplugged on covers and songs by his previous bands, but his acidic wail, on such tracks as the **Dwarves'** raunchy "Dairy Queen" and **G.G. Allin's** raunchier "Outlaw Scumfuc," still displays a man blithely in touch with his demons.

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