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Live Review - These Arms are Snakes w/ Monotonix

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Calgary, AB

As day two of the Sled Island festival moves into the late night shows, **The Distillery** is just getting warmed up. [These Arms are Snakes](#) took the stage at 11:00pm with a loyal fan base scattered across the floor and singing or screaming along with front man **Steve Snere**. Showing they have a mess of musical influences from rock to hardcore with a softer side, These Arms are Snakes can not be easily categorized but more on of those bands you cant sit down to watch, they get you up and jumping. Having a weird fascination with toilet paper during their set, it looked like a bathroom was massacred after their show. Sweat, beer, water and a exhausted fans were all that was left after These Arms are Snakes did their damage. A high energy performance full of stage dives and the best music Seattle has to offer.

Next was [Monotonix](#), not many people have ever heard of these shaggy looking guys from Israel, shame on you! If you're the type who likes unpredictable, unconventional and completely off the wall rock n' roll. Than this mix of Frank Zappa, early Bob Dylan and Borat look-a-likes' is for you. Taking away the barriers Monotonix plays amongst the audience and everywhere around the venue with exception of the stage, this allows them to take their sets to new heights. Front man Ami Shalev uses the bands drum kit as a chair which fans are to hoist into the air as he climbs on top of them while singing on time with the music, a talent not possessed by many. If you have the chance to catch Monotonix at their second show for Sled Island, watch your drink it may end up on you or on the band. Monotonix have become notorious for their crazy shows and insane style of dress from short shorts leaving not much to the imagination and drummer Haggai Fershtman's massive gold chain tends to make comebacks over and over at shows.

Even with their invigorated set, many would find it impossible to play in Monotonix and still kept their music strong, guitarist Yonatan Gat is a hidden talent that Monotonix wouldn't be the same without. With their small drum kit, crazy vocalist and out of control style this was a show that will be talked about for days.

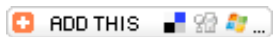
Monotonix plays in Calgary, AB again at Tubby Dog June 26, 2009 at 5:00pm

and Dickens Pub at 1:00am.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

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