

kansai live

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j.p. duquette

monday 1st**Jon (犬) @ Bears (19:00 | ¥2,000)**

For those of us who prefer our toy piano played by an insane girl in a giant dog suit.

tuesday 2nd**DJ Frankly Sick @ Kyoto Metro (23:00 | ¥1,500)**

Loud, messy electronica in a Cambridge style with a Doshisha twist, beyotch...

wednesday 3rd**The Horrors @ Club Quattro (19:00 | ¥6,000)**

Over-the-top organ work pushes these Essex retro-death-punkers into the big leagues.

thursday 4th**Passion Pit @ Club Quattro (19:00 | ¥5,000)**

The new disco-flavored Flaming Lips? Maybe, but say what you will, bearded nerds rock.

friday 5th**Jojo Hiroshige, Noise Wakame @ Bears (19:00 | ¥2,000)**

Funny noise with one of the kings of noisy fun.

saturday 6th**Joanna Newsom @ Unagidani Sunsui (19:00 | ¥5,500)**

Ultra-talented new-folk harpist and *Pitchfork* poster girl.

sunday 7th**Pains of Being Pure at Heart w/ The Depreciation Guild @ Unagidani Sunsui (19:00 | ¥4,500)**

Indie twee-pop up-and-comers plus gorgeous chiptune shoegazing? Go, go, go.

monday 8th**Daniel Johnston @ Club Quattro (19:00 | ¥4,300)**

Frankly worried how this heartbreaking outsider singer-songwriter is going to handle Osaka...

tuesday 9th**Kaji Hideki @ Club Quattro (19:00 |****¥5,800)**

Shibuya-keister turned indie J-popper still on the road.

wednesday 10th**Gossip @ Club Quattro (19:00 | ¥6,000)**

Wow, that new-raving girl with curves can sing!

friday 12th**Damage, Ereccionn @ Noon (22:00 | ¥TBA)**

Predictable but decent techno-rock all-nighter.

saturday 13th**Ultra Bide @ Kyoto Yaso (19:30 | ¥1,500)**

Kyoto trance-punk trio getting tighter with every show.

sunday 14th**Doddodo, Oshiri Penpenz @ Kyoto Metro (17:30 | ¥2,000)**

Familiar pseudo-Aztec samplecore sacrifice and longhaired Beefheart-lover combo.

monday 15th**AFI @ Club Quattro (17:00 | ¥6,000)**

Fake emo goth-punk with a bit of yelling and bad haircuts.

tuesday 16th**No. 305 @ Bears (19:00 | ¥2,000)**

Nerds screaming at cardboard cutouts of anime girls never gets old.

wednesday 17th**Zeni Geva @ Bears (19:00 | ¥2,500)**

Venerable avant-garde death metal unit (now with members of Acid Mothers Temple) + tiny venue = get tickets early.

thursday 18th**Bogulta @ Bears (19:00 | ¥2,000)**

Unbelievably intense drum, bass and electronics duo, with support from members of Violent Onsen Geisha and LSD March.

friday 19th**"Alchemy Guru Guru Matsuri" @ Bears (19:00 | ¥2,000)**

Massive Acid Mothers/Hijokaidan/Mani Neumeier mega-mix. If you be liking the psych-noise, you better be going.

saturday 20th**Claude Vonstroke @ Onzieme (21:00 | ¥3,000)**

Noted SF spins minimal but classy electro-house.

sunday 21st**Tokyo No.1 Soulset, Struggle For Pride, Vermilion Sands, Neconemuru @ Noon (17:30 | ¥3,000)**

Utter "wtf" combo of soul, noisecore, punk and goofiness. Would love to see the crowd for this one...

tuesday 23rd**Mew @ Club Quattro (19:00 | ¥6,500)**

Comforting (if slightly sappy) sounds from Danish alt-rockers.

wednesday 24th**Basement Jaxx @ Namba Hatch (19:00 | ¥6,500)**

Everything-but-the-kitchen-sink house producers are unlikely to disappoint.

thursday 25th**Jeff Lang @ Namba Hatch (19:00 | ¥6,500)**

Self-proclaimed disturbed folk-rocker may scratch your itch should Neil Young be your thing.

friday 26th**Phoenix @ Club Quattro (19:00 | ¥6,300)**

French indie rockers as seen on Lettman.

saturday 27th**Acid Mothers Guru Guru @ UrBANGUILD (19:00 | ¥3,000)**

Second chance to see Mani and the AMT folks with a slightly different lineup. Old hipster paradise.

sunday 28th**JPLS @ Triangle (21:00 | ¥3,000)**

Jeremy Jacobs likely bringing more minimal techno than you will be able to tolerate without chemicals.



Jon (犬): barking mad.

the venues

Bears (Namba, Osaka)06-6649-5564 | home.att.ne.jp/orange/bears**Club Quattro (Shinsaibashi, Osaka)**06-6281-8181 | www.club-quattro.com/schedule_shin.php**Hatch (Namba, Osaka)**06-4397-0572 | namba-hatch.com**Metro (Kyoto)**075-752-4765 | www.metro.ne.jp**Noon (Umeda, Osaka)**06-6373-4919 | noon-web.com**Onzieme (Chuo-ku, Osaka)**06-6243-0089 | onzi-eme.com**Triangle (Shinsaibashi, Osaka)**06-6212-2264 | triangle-osaka.jp**Unagidani Sunsui (Shinsaibashi, Osaka)**06-6243-3641 | sunsui.net**UrBANGUILD (Kyoto)**075-212-1125 | urbanguild.net**Yaso (Kyoto)**075-211-0901 | www.yaso-net.com