

INSTAL 05

GUARDIAN GUIDE
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PICK OF THE WEEK ROCK & POP

- 1 **Instal 05** *The Arches, Glasgow, Sat, Sun* Le Weekend and Subcurrent festival sibling brings Jandek, Sun City Girls and other experimental flavours, while Usurper and Lapsed Electronics curate the angular fringe.
- 2 **Arctic Monkeys** *The Exchange, Edinburgh, Wed* Only one single out, but already the teenager punk-poppers are Steve Lamacq's new fave band and touted as next Kaiser Chiefs/Franz Ferdinand. Oh fickle fame.
- 3 **Ladytron** *GUU Debating Chamber, Glasgow, Thu* Formerly accused of cold synth style over plinky-plonk substance, now a dark atmospheric guitar menace. It's the quiet ones you have to watch, y'know.

Instal'05 THE ARCHES GLASGOW

INSTAL TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 14, 15 & 16



photo: Ali Maloney

Instal 05 was three days of invigorating and life-shaking music that affected in more sensory ways than you can imagine. Personal highlights are far too numerous and sublime to cover in depth in 200 words but Saturday's joint headliners of Sun City Girls and Hijokaidan were revelatory. SCG's set was enigmatic to say the least: part dadaist comedy, part performance art-cum-masked ball that magically transformed into a no-frills acoustic psych-folk rock out halfway through. A five-piece Hijokaidan destroyed the stage immediately afterwards in perhaps the most violent show I have ever seen - kings of noise indeed. New Zealand's Black Boned Angel and Birchville Cat Motel's metal-steeped drones were thrilling, although the *ahem* overuse of an overpowering Iron Maiden drum break ruined the latter's set. Sound poetry pioneer Henri Chopin is in some ways responsible for a lot of the aesthetics on display during the festival, albeit through different lineages. And there was something refreshing about an 80-odd year old man being pushed on to stage in a wheelchair and rocking the house with nothing more than a microphone and reel-to-reel tape recorder. If you weren't there, don't make the same mistake at Instal '06, whatever it may bring. (All Maloney)

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