

Techno-pop group from U.K. energizes crowd at blues club

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The chill environment of Antone's blues club on West 5th doesn't seem to be a likely fit for a techno-pop group from the UK. However, Wednesday night the place was filled to the brim with tight-jean wearing hipsters awaiting the arrival of just such a group. The hipsters knew what they were doing. Hot Chip, a quintet of guys who look like they rolled out of the '80s and straight onto the stage, are phenomenal. There is no other way to say it. The harmonies they produce onstage, and the way they weave their intricate rhythms in a succinctly perfect blend of bleeps and bleeps is remarkable.

When the doors opened at 8 p.m., there was more than enough standing room available. When Hot Chip hit the stage a little after 10 p.m., there was hardly room to breathe. The stage was minimalist, with five synth-type machines set up, one per band member. There were a few guitars and some form of drums in the bongo family, but overwhelming all else were the speakers and wires draped over the stage in tangled disarray. The Hot Chip fellows, many adorned in glasses, crazy shoes and crazier hair, seemed at home among the electronic devices.

With their opening tune, "Out at the Pictures," it was immediately clear that five different personas had taken the stage — their energy ranged from leaping, frantic convulsions to subtle heel-tapping, which allowed every audience member to find someone to empathize with and emulate. By the second song, "Shake a Fist," Antone's had transformed into an indie dance club, and the concert had a feel of friends jamming in someone's backyard, having loads of fun jumping around. The difference was that these five friends had clearly been practicing together for a long time — beats were in synch and every sound came together to create one perfectly-crafted tune after another.

Other standout songs included a new tune called "Bendable Posable," which the band dedicated to the Texas Rollergrills, and sounded much like a grunge-era Devo playing a game of laser tag on rollerblades. "The

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Warning" was also wonderful, warning fans that "Hot Chip will break your legs, Snap off your head."

"Over and Over" went over incredibly well, ensuring that every warm body in the room was jamming. Hot Chip's opener, Tussle from San Francisco, joined them onstage and were thrown off at one point when the lights went down and the entire group stopped in the middle of the song. The Tussle fellows began to exit the stage, prompting Hot Chip member Felix Martin to usher them back, whereupon the song began again. Tussle's Nathan Burazer had no instrument to play during "Over and Over," so he opted to leap back and forth across the

stage instead, emphasizing the dance-party feel of the show. Hot Chip closed with a quieter piece called "In The Fantasy of Our Love," which was slow, sweet and dreamy — a sort of new-age lullaby. It was a great way to say goodnight to the audience.

The talent of the five UK pals called Hot Chip is undeniable. They play with the preciseness of cogs in a machine, but with the energy of children after consuming too many pixie sticks. They're fun, approachable and are guaranteed to invoke a fit of dancing. Hot Chip may or may not break your legs, but they will most definitely rock you.

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