

Vintage lounging with Bed on Bricks at Jade

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Two of Cape Town's been-around-the-block bands, Bed on Bricks and The Jack Mantis Band, played at the Jade Lounge in Green Point this past Sunday, 5 July 2009 as part of the annual Levi's 2009 Vintage Sundays. The gig started off with the cool bluesy-rock sounds of Jack Mantis followed by the ever effervescent Bed on Bricks.



The performance area in Jade is not big at all so all the equipment and the five band members of Jack Mantis were cramped into the small space. They were a bit cautious of dancing around; this, we were assured by Jack Mantis, is not the norm. Nevertheless they entertained the crowd, warming them up for Bed on Bricks. I am sure they left on Sunday night with quite a few more extra fans.

Bed on Bricks, who took to the floor next, is a great band to go watch live; they thrilled the Sunday evening crowd with songs from all their albums; "Humanarium", "If You See Kay", "Takeaways" and "Royal Honey". They have been around for a good few years now and the chemistry between the members is the best I have ever seen with each of them playing a part in their live act, even the drummer, Tim. If you are a fan of their music or heard one or two songs you like then you should definitely go see them next time they play a gig nearby.

Jade Lounge is a nice and cozy place to go see a few of your favourite bands; it has a very relaxed atmosphere and suits the Levi's Vintage Sunday gigs perfectly. The only gripe I have is with the cost of drinks which is quite steep but I guess it balance's itself out because there is no cover charge and at the entrance you receive a R100 gift voucher which you can go spend at any Levi's store if you buy goods to the value of R600 or more.

Next week, catch JacSharp and Prime Circle at 7:30pm at Jade Lounge, Green Point for more Vintage action!

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