



# Monotonix

## GARAGE-METAL MENTALISTS FROM ISRAEL

"We like to be on the floor with the people," says Monotonix guitarist Yonatan Gat, "but some venues make us play on a stage. Last year, we were banned from a club in Austin because Ami climbed on the bar and threw all their straws and ice around." A shirt-spurning 43-year-old "hairball," singer Ami Shalev enlivens the Tel Aviv trio's sets by kissing fans, spraying beer and starting the occasional fire. He's also taken to emptying bins over new drummer Gever. Gever's predecessor Ran Shimoni used to end gigs held aloft by the audience, thumping his kit above their heads. Before leaving he kept time on debut EP *Body Language*, which blends classic rock riffage with bass-free economy. "We have a minimalistic approach," explains Yonatan. "Plus we play 300 shows a year and don't want to carry too much equipment." *Manish Agarwal*

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