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## **ALT-ROCK BAND TELESCREENS TIME-TRAVELS BACK TO THE 90S**

Head-banging, bass-blasting, and moshing rock music is hard to come by these days. The new kids on the block, Telescreens, are bringing a fresh alt-rock sound to the table. Blurring the lines between rock, pop, and electronica, this is a band that knows who they are and isn't afraid to make some noise.

Playing at the Mercury Lounge Friday night, Telescreens consists of Jackson Hamm (vocals, guitar), Josiah Valerius (keys, synth), and Austin Brenner (bass, synth) with Oliver Graf (drums). This was their fourth show at Mercury Lounge since 2020, playing at other smaller venues around the area as well. Fellow East Village musician, Sid Simons, accompanied the group with some soft rock and warmed up the crowd before Telescreens went on at 10pm

Having seen the group perform once before, I thought I knew what to expect, but I was pleasantly surprised by what they had up their sleeve. After playing a few unreleased songs from their new album, I was blown away by the band's confidence and newly renovated sound.

# CONCERT REVIEW

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Mercury Lounge

In just an hour, the band brought the audience back to the 90s, putting their own modern spin on a Blink 192-inspired sound. Mixing classic elements of rock and roll with their own electronica twist, Telescreens got the crowd dancing in no time.

Lead singer Hamm's alluring guitar solos captivated the audience while Graf's energy and meticulousness on the drums would have had even Buddy Rich impressed. It didn't matter if you knew the words or not, the passion and eagerness of the band got everyone dancing and singling along.

” IT ALWAYS FEELS LIKE A REAL CLASSIC ROCK CONCERT WHEN THEY PLAY HERE

The band gained popularity in the past few months, selling out Irving Plaza as an opener for Quarters of Change, and are set to play at The Bitter End March 18th at 9:30pm, and Bowery Ballroom next month. Still a young band, the band only has one album released. Telescreens recently announced via Instagram that they have signed with Universal Records, and are expected to release another album in the coming months. One thing is for sure, as long as Telescreens is in town, rock, and roll is alive and well in the East Village.

Jackson Hamm and Austin Brenner share a guitar solo. Photo courtesy of Colleen Rodgers

