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**"Hest Took the Stage ..and Absolutely Killed It"**



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**Awesome Shows I've Seen Lately**

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*"Spring is always full of life - musically and otherwise - here in Nashville, and I've been out and about trying to catch as much live music as I possibly can. So without further ado, here are some of the latest shows that have truly blown me away..."*

*I'll start with the Ari Hest show I caught at Douglas Corner Cafe at the tail end of March.*

*Hest took the stage with a full band and absolutely killed it. He mostly played songs off his latest release, Twelve Mondays (a record of fan-picked tunes from his 2008 project "52"), but was sure to include some older gems as well. I think one of the best things about seeing Hest live is that you can tell he is a seasoned and professional performer, but his stage presence and delivery are as intimate as if he'd just written the song minutes prior. He shows no signs of losing touch with the heart of his music no matter how many shows he's played, and he does so with a professional humility that's humbling in and of itself - because the man is talented!*



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