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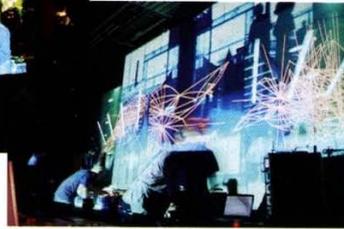
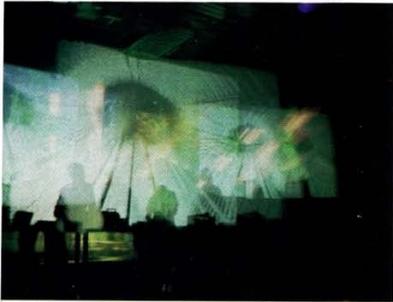
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The Light Surgeons are more than just three video projectors, three slide projectors, three 16mm projectors, one drum machine with operator, one lighting rig, one video mixer with operators, an audio guy and a scratch DJ. They are the future. "I'd say we're pretty much at the top of our field," says Jude, the music guy. "But then not many other people do what we do, there are lots of VJs out there now, but few actually make the videos they are mixing themselves."

The Light Surgeons are the ultra modern 'video projectors' famed for providing visual wallpaper for (amongst others) The Herbaliser, The Sneaker Pimps and Cornershop. But it seems they are happiest when they're the main attraction, as they have been at countless film festivals and fashion events (including Sleaze's first-ever) recently. And now the surgeons are doing it for themselves, as heralded by the imminent release of their debut DVD *Lost Leader*. The DVD format is a godsend for the surgeons; apart from the live show, there used to be no medium in which to market this genre that's so new and fresh it doesn't yet have a name. 'Technology with soul' comes close – think fast cut overlaid graphic light projections set to music – as does Shane from Onedotzero when he describes the Surgeons as "exploding expressionistic live documentary."

"There's no right or wrong anymore, it all comes down to who's got the media," says frontman Chris, "and when broadband takes off." The Surgeons have also produced some must-have limited-edition T-shirts, printed with graphic fragments of the Surgeon experience. Perfect for demonstrating that you were there, back in the day, before they got huge. RJ The Light Surgeons play San Francisco Modern Art Museum, Oct 10. To order a T-shirt or find out more visit www.av/op.com or phone 02076135756.

