

**Released by:**

Music Video Distributors

Year of Release:

1987

Running time:

30 min.

Rating:

NR

Color format:

Color

Audio / Subtitles:

Stereo

Region Code:

0, NTSC

Aspect Ratio:

Full frame

16:9 enhanced?

No

Special Features*:

Band Biography, sing along option

Trailer online:

No

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Review by Mark Jason Murray



finances on the line to promote freedom of speech and fight censorship.

This collection of clips from 1978 through 1981 shows the band during their hyper early years. A couple of the earliest clips feature initial drummer, Ted, but the band really became a monster when D.H. Peligro jumped behind the kit as evident by the live in studio footage of "Bleed for Me" off their greatest album, "Plastic Surgery Disasters". The video clips range from color to black and white, with decent audio and single or multiple cameras utilized to capture the band and Biafra (who looks like a combination of Ben Affleck and Jerry Seinfeld) as they psychotically hop around in a spastic fashion.

The DVD also includes a few clips chronicling Biafra's attempt to be elected Mayor of San Francisco, a great "sing along" option that scrolls the lyrics across the bottom of the screen for each song and band member bios. Short, sweet and to the point, just like their albums, Dead Kennedys fans will not want to miss out on this bit of music history.



The Dead Kennedys are one of the most important and influential of American punk rock bands. Exploding out of the Bay Area in the late 70's, their music was hyperactive and in your face. Lead singer, Jello Biafra's lyrics intelligently attacked any form of authority from the President all the way down to your landlord leaving no one safe from his scathing wit and sarcasm. The Dead Kennedys are one of the few bands to have put their reputation, career and

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