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**"LOUD, QUIET, LOUD: A FILM ABOUT THE PIXIES", DVD**

Who would think The Pixies could get back in the game? Other than Frank Black (AKA Charles Thomson) doing his solo thing, Kim Deal being in rehab, and the other two (Santiago and Lovering) wallowing in 'where are they now?' status it was something reserved to folklore at this point. When The Pixies were in their prime I was a young teen and found their music rather bizarre and obtuse, yet catchy at the same time. I think it was mostly that they just made really strange videos. It kind of turned me off. Of course, I wised up eventually and have greatly enjoyed the music of the Pixies ever since. So when they did their big reunion thing (which, who knows how long it will last) I didn't know what to think. But this movie puts it all into perspective. They act less like rock stars and way more like four people in a business situation, providing for their families, living pretty normal and uninteresting lives outside the band, and kind of doing a day-in, day-out routine. Yes, that sounds like quite a boring movie. But it beats reality TV. I find it much more interesting to see these individuals growing into middle age, leading these totally different lives, dealing with frustrating things that still bewilder and complicate, and then playing in front of thousands of people every night. They rarely talk to each other and seem to be sort of going through the motions, yet display these little quirks that provide a smirk or laugh. It's only at the end of their tour, when old friends and family come out and hang around backstage that you see the members come out of their shell. The funniest bit, in my opinion, comes in the deleted scenes when Kim Deal goes into a music store to buy something, charges, and the guy behind the counter sees her name on the credit slip, mistakes her for another Kim Deal who happens to share the same name as the one from the Breeders, and asks if she has ever listened to them. Kim deadpans and then looks at the camera with completely honest bewilderment and asks, 'is he fucking with me?' All goofing and awkwardness aside, the film is good, and you get a good dose of live Pixies action, which is pretty great too. (MVD, [www.musicvideodistributors.com](http://www.musicvideodistributors.com))