

## Bad Brains Back in Business

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### Artist News

There has been a lot written about the negative effects of the closing of famous punk club CBGB's in October of 2006, but at least some good has come of it. After playing three sold-out shows to kick off the final week of the venue's existence, pioneering hardcore band Bad Brains has apparently had a fire lit under them and will be reuniting in its original format for more shows. In addition, a new studio album, produced by the Beastie Boys' Adam Yauch, is due in the spring. And that's not the last you'll hear of the Brains. Given that the album has been in the works for a while, the wait for a second helping shouldn't be too long.

The Bad Brains, for those who don't know, was one of the most influential hardcore punk bands around in the '80s. Of course, hardcore punk didn't exactly have a foothold in the American consciousness at the time, but the band had a profound impact on many artists in and out of their genre. For a peek at the Brains in their prime, check out the recently released *Live at CBGB's 1982* DVD.