

**Pixies** - loudQUIETloud: A Film About The Pixies (DVD, Music Video Distributors, Documentary)

loudQUIETloud is a quality documentary about the 2004 reformation of one of the most influential bands from the 1980s...**The Pixies**. The film begins with a lengthy introduction which allows the viewer to see what paths the band members' lives had taken since the band broke up. It is obvious from the beginning of this film that none of the members were able to find anything in their lives as meaningful, powerful, and successful as their lives when they played music together. By the time the band begins playing their first reunion concert, we were all ready to dismiss the new Pixies as a complete failure. Everything would depend, of course, upon the ability of **Charles**' (**Black Francis**) ability to get it back up like he used to. Surprisingly, it became obvious from the first tune that The Pixies were indeed back...and amazingly...they sounded GREAT. The remainder of the film consists of various shots of the band on the road and on stage as they travel the world. Their concerts sold out and were successful both critically and financially. The film ends on an odd note. While the band continues to play and perform together, as of 2006 they have not even discussed recording an album of new tunes. Strange...but probably a good idea as folks would always compare the new tunes to the old standards...and they would probably not be well received. Just look at what happened with **The Buzzcocks**...despite the fact that they continue writing and recording new songs, all anyone ever wants to hear are the old standards. So...why did The Pixies get back together in the first place...? Probably because they didn't finish what they were doing the first time around. A strangely compelling documentary for Pixies fans as well as those who feel (as we generally do) that band reunions never work. This time...it did. (Rating: 5+)

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