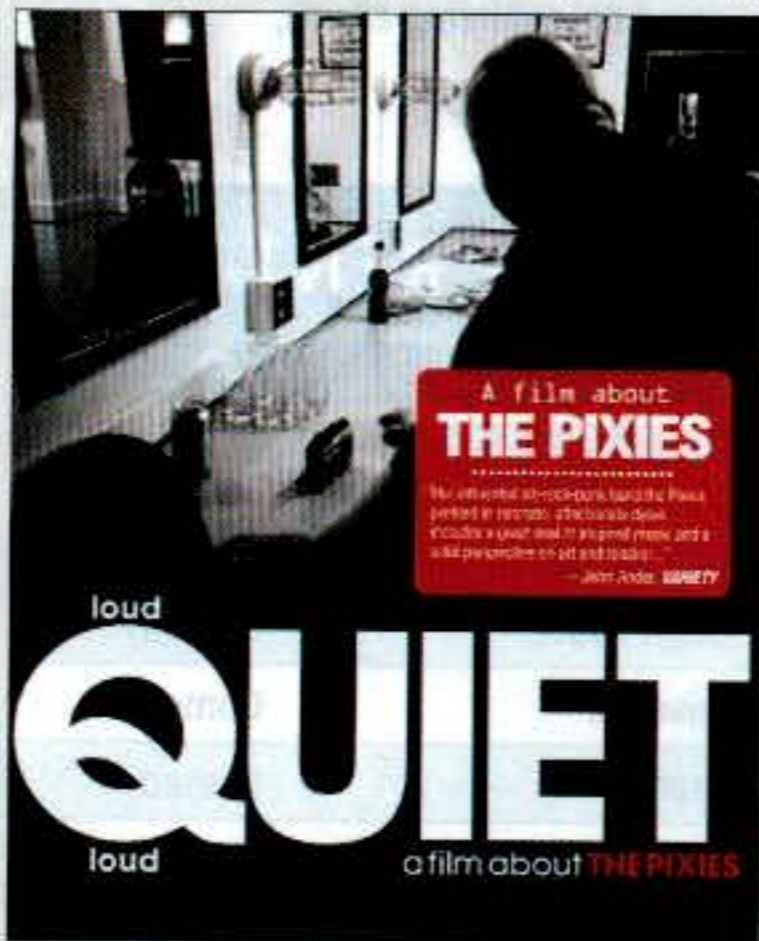


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■ THE PIXIES: loudQUIETloud

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Alt-rockers The Pixies had their heyday in the early 1990s. Bassist-singer Kim Deal remained a symbol of chick rock with her new group The Breeders, and lead singer Charles "Black Francis" Thompson focused on solo work. Otherwise, things were rather quiet on the Pixies front for more than a decade.

Their most memorable music came during the band's short tenure as a group from 1986 to 1993, during which The Pixies generated few mainstream chart-toppers, but still garnered a voracious fan following, including one Kurt Cobain, who famously attributed his inspiration for "Smells Like Teen Spirit" to the group.

The Pixies split rather harshly, so it's not surprising it took 11 years for the group to come together, in 2004, for a reunion tour, which is documented in *loudQUIETloud*, so named in homage to the group's penchant for songs that followed that particular volume pattern.

The performances here are superb — its got everything a Pixies fan could want. The documentary portions, following the group's interactions with one another and personal tragedies that unfold as they rehearse and tour, mostly reiterates the point that the band members made the right decision to go their separate ways so many years ago. There's little friendship or communication to be found behind the scenes, but nearly as little fighting or backbiting too, which would have added some high drama at least.

There is a momentary meltdown on the part of drummer David Lovering, which piques some confrontation, but the whole thing doesn't have the flair of even some of the less memorable VH1 "Behind the Music" episodes, and it may not draw in a ton of new Pixies groupies.

However, the music alone will make this disc a valued gem to anyone who loved the band back in the day.

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