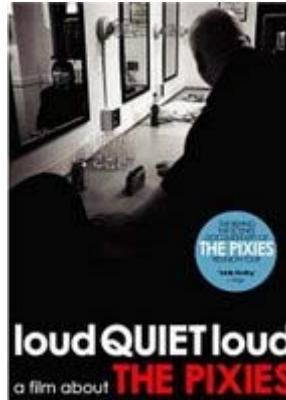


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[loudQUIETloud and my regrets on not seeing the Pixies live](#)



All the things I forgot about [the Pixies](#), both good and bad are captured on their recent DVD, *loudQUIETloud: a film about THE PIXIES*. I never saw the band perform live; [the closest I got](#) was a Frank Black solo show at the beginning of last month, and a handful of Frank Black and the Catholic shows opening for Pearl Jam back in the late 90's. I was just a bit too young to grasp the Pixies sound growing up mostly because Nirvana, Pearl Jam, and Soundgarden all had a joint monopoly on my ears growing up. What did always stick out during those years was the now famous quote from Kurt Cobain explaining "Smells Like Teen Spirit" to MTV when he stated, "I was basically trying to rip off the Pixies." That quote is used in the opening scene of *loudQUIETloud DVD*, and certainly got my attention, spurring that reminder I always had in my head as a teenager that the Pixies were a band I would eventually have to fully absorb someday and fall in love with their records.

It would be the middle of my sophomore year in college that I'd be exposed to a bunch of Pixies records courtesy of a couple of upstairs neighbors who kicked off nearly every Saturday morning by blasting *Surfer Rosa*. Those same guys would talk for hours about why the Pixies broke up and how they, much like the Beatles, were so far ahead of what was considered popular music at the time that the world and the collective musical fandom just needed a few years of catching up.

The DVD provides the good and bad of the Pixies reunion, that I still to this day am ashamed to say I didn't bother to attend. Most of the blame lies with the fact that they were playing Summerfest on a co-headlining tour with a band that at the time I simply couldn't stand, Weezer. As the saying goes with hindsight, obviously I'd love to make a different decision looking back at the situation. So, what I'm left with is a very powerful look via DVD into a band whose music and following is still as vital, perhaps more so than it ever has been, but still can't seem to lasso the inevitable problems that come from the collective make up of the band members and their individual problems.

You're probably reading this thinking, "no shit, everyone knows the band didn't get along," but the DVD, at least for me, put it in more concrete and understandable parameters. If you're a fan of Pixies, caught their reunion tour, you probably don't need me telling you to check this out - you probably already have. On the other hand, if my story above sounds a little familiar, I recommend you check out the DVD.

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