



NEW FILM

There is a moment about halfway through *loudQUIETloud*, a new documentary about the Pixies, in which Kelley Deal (twin sister to Pixies bassist Kim Deal) addresses the band's reunion in 2004 by exclaiming, "You guys are four of the worst communicators EVER, which is why you're gonna break up in, like, a week!" It's both an obvious and prescient statement, one that explains a lot of the tension around one of the world's most influential rock bands. The film chronicles the group's massively successful reunion tour as it circled the globe, and provides a revealing look at a band struggling to overcome personal demons in order to live up to a rather complicated musical legacy. Even though the footage is, at times, uncomfortable to watch (struggles with sobriety, on-stage meltdowns, lots of bruised egos on display), it's also hugely entertaining. Loaded with spectacular concert performances and candid behind-the-scenes footage, it serves as a fascinating portrait of four wildly different individuals who just happen to play music together. It's also a potent reminder of why this particular band was so important in the first place. **T. Cole Rachel**

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loudQUIETloud: a film about the Pixies is out in November 2006 from MVD Visual