



spokanarchy! (documentary dvd)

spokanarchy! music from the motion picture

(Carnage & Rouge/Flat Field)

Did you know that Eastern Washington burg Spokane had a rip-roaring underground revolt music scene 30 years ago? Me neither. That's why this high-quality documentary has value. From 1977-1983, contagions of creative weirdoes formed DIY scenes in little urban pockets all over, and the most self-contained were particularly unusual. (Three hours from Seattle, Spokane lacked even the spotty fraternization of L.A. to Vancouver bands.) Like *Vancouver Complication*, the range of oddball expression is striking, such as founding, Devo-esque new wavers **Sweet Madness**, the dirty punk **Strangulon**, the art rock **P-P-Ku**, and eventually, garage hardcore from the actually familiar **Vampire Lezbos** playing the wild scene at Spokane's CBGB, Moe's Body Shop club. The '83-88 punk stuff, after the national indie explosion, remains belligerent and lively. Naturally I savor the love for original fanzines; also the frankness about sex, drugs, and dysfunction—both healthy and downright *disturbing!* (spokanarchy.com)

- Jack Rabid