



Every musical milieu has its bands that lean toward the extremely profane. For example, in country there's Chinga Chavin and Uncle Fucker.

However, no genre can compete with punk. I mean, the Sic F\*ucks, Angry Samoans, (arguably) the Gizmos and GG Allin are just the tip of the iceberg. The difference with them and **THE DWARVES**, who have been around for nearly 3 decades, is that this band produce some amazing records, as their latest, "...Are Born Again" (Greedy, c/o thedwarves.com), proves.

These San Fran guys are mainly hardcore, though

they manage to tackle many other stylings, such as the theme to a made-up Manga show, "Zip Zero." They were also early users (i.e., pre-rap) of sampling. In my opinion, when they get into their hardcore groove is when they really nail it. Right from the start,

they show their mettle on the first cut, "The Dwarves are Still the Best Band Ever," whose chorus is "Let's get high and fuck some sluts... / Forever stuck in juvie lust / So what?" Sex, drugs, suicide, murder, and slagers are all fodder with the likes of "Stop Me," "You'll Never Take Us Alive," "I Masturbate Me," "It's a Wonderful Life of Sin," "Happy Birthday Suicide," "Working Class Hole" (love that title), "Your Girl's Mom," and "FUTYD" (aka the double entendre "Fuck You Till You Die"). There are some really funny social commentaries as well, such as a treatise on the career of an unnamed Bieber ("15

Minutes"), and the introduction of a new dance, "Do the HeWhoCannotBeNammed" (inspired by the band's masked - and revolving? - guitarist). Yes, they all have fake, funny names, including The Fresh Prince of Darkness, and Rex Everything. The thing is, though, that there is some amazing music and production by Dwarves' lead singer Blag Dahlia (aka Blag the Ripper), and Eric Valentine (Slash, All American Rejects, etc.). Two really great cuts among many others are "Bang Up" and "The Band That Wouldn't Die." Throughout the CD there are amazing harmonies, noise, musicianship, sing-along lyrics, and a whole lot of fun. Also included is a 2-hour DVD of clips from through the years of fighting, nudity, and lots of live performances. You can watch Blag's changing hairline while listening to some entertaining music and unbelievable visuals. Punk rawk!

