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DVD review: The Story of Rock 'n' Roll Comics



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Synopsis ~ This documentary tells the unbelievable story of Todd Loren, San Diego-based owner of Revolutionary Comics, famous for publishing the wildly popular "Rock 'N' Roll Comics" series. The unauthorized and often controversial comics featured biographies of music groups such as KISS, the Sex Pistols and Metallica. Loved by some (Gene Simmons, Alice Cooper, Lemmy of Motörhead) and threatened by others (Axl Rose, Skid Row, New Kids on the Block), over 300 issues of Rock 'N' Roll comics were printed, embracing all music genres: Rock, Alternative, Hip-Hop, Punk and Pop and they quickly became instant collector's items. In a strange twist, Loren is found murdered in his condo in 1992, making people speculate that he may have the first victim of 'serial' killer Andrew Cunanan, leading to an absorbing mystery that still remains, UNSOLVED today.

Studio: [Wild Eye Releasing](#)

(<http://www.wildeyereleasing.com/>) Running Time: 84 minutes

Rating: UNRATED

Number of Disks: 1

Special Features:

- 8 page liner notes insert
- Liner notes from "Rock 'N' Roll Comics" co-creator, Jay Allen Sanford
- Liner notes from rock critic Rob O'Connor (Rolling Stone, Spin, Yahoo)
- Vintage Musicade 60 second TV commercial
- Vintage 30 second Musicade commercial
- Cynthia Plaster Caster: Full uncut Interview
- Unauthorized Sports Comics featurette
- Mike Tyson Comic: TV News Story
- Unauthorized Conspiracy Comics: E! News Story
- KFMB CBS News report on Todd Loren's murder
- Deleted Scene: Interview with Rock 'N' Roll Comics artist Robert Conte
- Deleted Scene: Interview with artist/ collector Duane Dimock
- Original Rock 'N' Roll Comics Cover Galleries (Over 100 covers)
- Wild Eye Releasing Trailers

Enigmatically playing out dually like a gracious homage to Todd

Loren while highlighting just how difficult it was for friends, foes and co-workers to be in his orbit, *The Story of Rock 'n' Roll Comics* is a mixture of eerie occurrences and one man's quest for freedom of the press.

And while a large part of the production spends perhaps a bit too much time on Loren's personality foibles and his inexplicable ability to antagonize rather than the journey of building an empire of ink and bands – practically every aspect of Loren's business ventures were fraught with stress, scams and salesman double-talk – if you're ever collected, admired or even just been exposed to an issue of *Rock 'n' Roll Comics*, then this little rock-doc will surely hold your attention.

The healthy menu of extras brings more of the best of the worst, with highlights including a dual pair of deleted scenes with slighted artists Robert Conte and Duane Dimock, a uniquely exposed look at the "artwork" of Cynthia Plaster Caster, a few short news reports, one of which involves the announcement of Loren's brutal death, two unauthorized featurettes on comics and Todd's freedom of speech views and a great trip down metal lane with a gallery of over one hundred *Rock 'N' Roll Comics* covers.

So whether you're interested in the man, the music, the manuscripts, or just a morbid sense of murder curiosity, *The Story of Rock 'n' Roll Comics* is best told through the unfiltered lens of director Ilko Davidov, unabashed and unauthorized.

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**Kyle Kinder**, Houston Movie Examiner

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