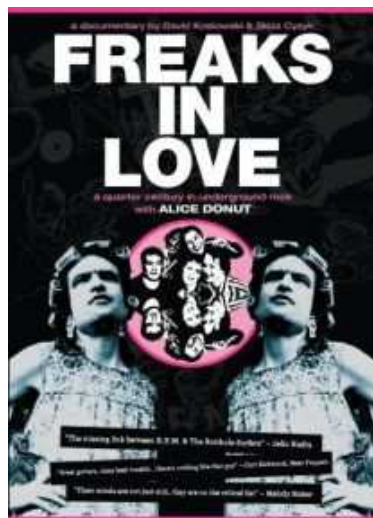



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ALICE DONUT

Freaks In Love

(Written by: Jeffrey Kurtis)

There is a lot to be said to knowing about the roots of the punk rock scene. With that being said, I have studied a lot about the history of the punk rock scene over the years, but certainly don't know everything about it, so I love it that much more when I get a DVD on the history of a band that played a substantial role in it that I have never even heard of before. Enter Alice Donut and this amazing look back at their 25 year career. *Freaks In Love* takes viewers on a journey to the past and up to the present day through the eyes of the band members, Alternative Tentacles owner Jello Biafra who signed the band, and more. Through these interviews and vintage videos, viewers get to travel along on the DIY rollercoaster career of Alice Donut. They take you on an insightful journey that sees them rise out of the ashes of what remained of their original band The Sea Beasts after college graduation, to become the band the world has known for the past 25 years. From their start at the famed CBGB'S in 1987, this DVD sees them evolve into a band that can best be described as psychedelic, art based, punk rock and become one of New York's best underground bands. Watch the way they got their record deal with Alternative Tentacles after their song was played on a radio show in San Francisco, watch them survive the 90's when all the major labels were signing indie rock sounding acts in the wake of Nirvana's break through to mainstream, and hear about the benefits to their touring throughout the US and Europe which helped them to establish their diehard fan base that still holds strong today. The music scene is always evolving and with the influence of the mainstream it becomes that much harder for an underground act to survive and remain relevant, but Alice Donut has done just that. Michael Jung, the group's guitarist says it best when he says "It's like being a family; its work, its business, and you put a lot into it. Hopefully it is worth it!" Though this may not fall into your tastes musically, this is a DVD well worth watching as it gives you great insight as to how to survive to the changing landscape of the scene all from a group of musicians who never really took any of it all that serious.

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