

CIRCLE JERKS

My Career As A Jerk

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The punk rock scene today is massive much due in part to sponsored tours, things like Warped, mainstream radio play, etc... However, it is the rich history of the scene and the bands that played major roles in creating it that need to be reminders of where the music and attitude came from. One of the bands from the LA scene that made a huge impact over the past 30 years or so is The Circle Jerks and *My Career As A Jerk* captures the band and their amazing history perfectly as it is nearly 100% told from the guys that lived it out on stage. From their beginnings in a Hermosa Beach Baptist Church in the late 70's you are taken on a journey through their career as you live it with them through absolutely amazing, vintage footage of the band's live performances, in depth interviews about each stage of their careers, and much more including a quick look at how they created their catalog of songs. The guys invite you to learn not only about the group and the impact they had as the LA scene was finding its identity, but also to learn about them as human beings and where they came from and who they are because of it. Spoiler alert; you may be surprised by some of this! This is honestly not a band I ever really liked all that much as I was not a huge fan of the LA sound, but this DVD has more than earned my respect of them. The trials and tribulations from internal fighting, to replacing band members, to pressing forward no matter what, to changes in health as they grew older in age offering new inspirations, there is nothing not to like about these guys collectively as people. This is a perfect DVD for any punk rock fan that is wanting to learn about the history of the scene they love, but most importantly, it also serves as motivational as you watch them battle through demons, persevere, and come out finding new motivations through them.