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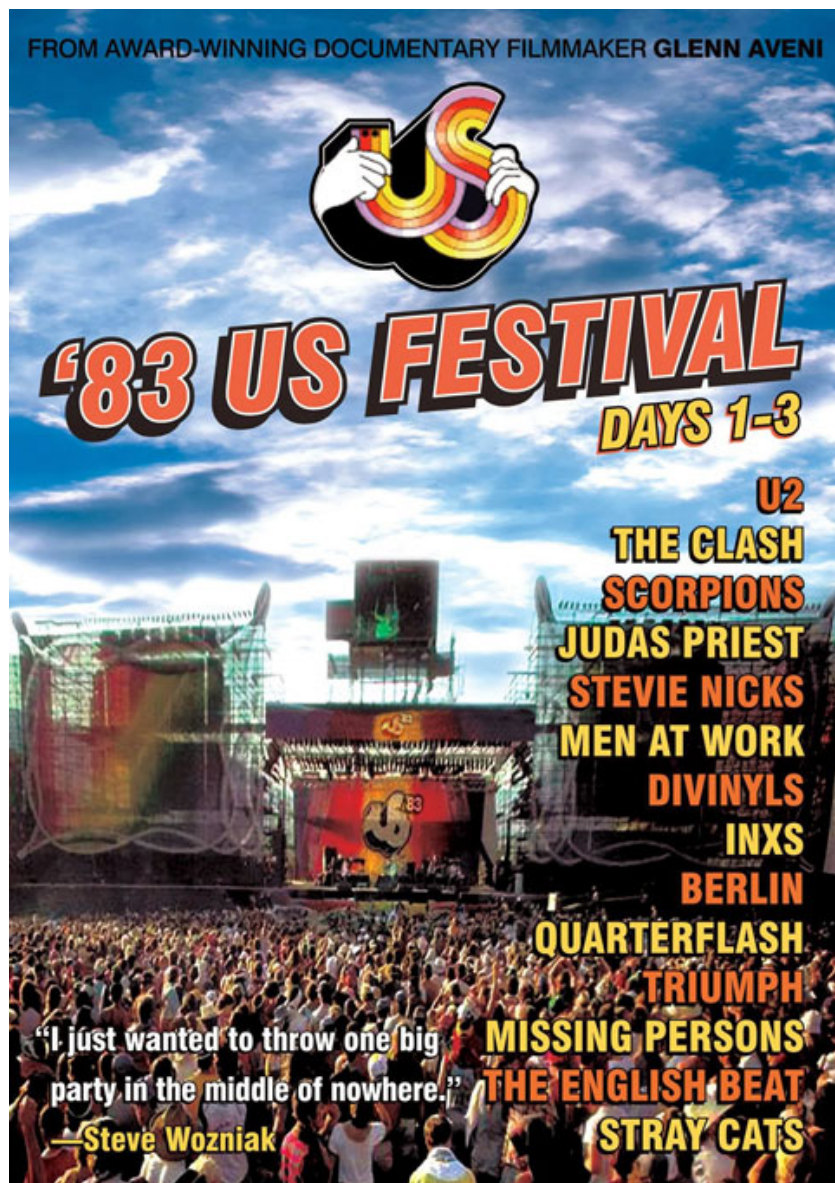
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Watch Judas Priest perform 'Breaking the Law' at 1983's US Festival (from forthcoming DVD w/ The Clash, U2 & more)

by **Doug Moore**



A bit of background first: unless you're well into your 40s, you probably don't remember the US Festivals. The US Fests were [two huge music festivals thrown in 1982 and 1983](#) by Apple co-founder & kajillionaire Steve Wozniak, who pretty much paid for the whole

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[Kanye West played 2 shows @ MSG & 2 @ Barclays Center, appears on new Busta Rhymes/Q-Tip track \(videos & setlist\)](#) (32)

Anonymous wrote: Busta Rhymes = asshole Kanye West = douchebag... [\[more\]](#)

[ZZ Top played two nights at The Paramount \(night 2 pics & setlist\); "Billy Gibbons & Friends" playing City Winery](#) (11)

Anonymous wrote: caw! caw!...



[My Bloody Valentine played Hammerstein Ballroom w/ Dumb Numbers \(night 1 pics, setlist\)](#)

thing out of pocket (including a whopping \$1.5 million fee for **Van Halen**, on top of \$1m for **David Bowie**). Though the festivals both drew massive crowds that numbered into the hundreds of thousands, Wozniak took a total bath on them and lost millions. The name is pronounced like "us" rather than like the abbreviation for United States; the name is an abbreviation for "Unite Us In Song," but don't ask me how.

Now, after 30 years, the second US Fest is seeing a concert-film treatment. The footage lineup for *US Festival 1983: Days 1-3* is simultaneously timeless and hilariously '80s: **U2, The Clash, Stevie Nicks, Scorpions, INXS, Men At Work, Stray Cats, Triumph, and Missing Persons** all put in appearances. (Incidentally, this festival was Mick Jones's last performance with the Clash before his dismissal.) If you need evidence of the thorough '80s-ness of this event, look no further than the footage of **Judas Priest** playing "Breaking the Law" that we have streaming exclusively below. Exhibit A: the band members' outfits, which push the boundaries of sanity even by JP standards. Exhibit B: the fact that *thousands and thousands of people* are getting down to Judas Priest in the audience with nary a hint of irony or reserve. It's kind of beautiful.

*US Festival 1983: Days 1-3* [comes out on 12/3 via MVD](#) and will be available to rent or download at iTunes. There are some other preview vids available online, too: [U2 playing "Sunday Bloody Sunday"](#) at Rolling Stone; [Stray Cats playing "Rock This Town"](#) at Purevolume; and [the Clash playing "Should I Stay or Should I Go"](#) at Spin. Check out the JP video along with the full tracklisting below (and keep an eye out for another on [Invisible Oranges](#) tomorrow)...

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Video produced by Unuson  
Directed by Glenn Aveni

#### Track Listing:

INXS - The One Thing  
Divinyls - Boys in Town  
English Beat - Jeanette  
StrayCats - Rock This Town  
StrayCats - Please Make Up Your Mind  
Men At Work - It's A Mistake  
Men At Work - Who Can It Be Now  
The Clash - Should I Stay or Should I Go  
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Triumph - Magic Power  
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Anonymous wrote: Time to bring back this little gem: <a href="https://www.yo... [\[more\]](#)

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Anonymous wrote: They should have this festival in May so all the molly kids don't g... [\[more\]](#)

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Anonymous wrote: How about just 'where? Or overrated where?' \$106 a ticket, lol.</... [\[more\]](#)

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asacher wrote: Slayer was left out by mistake. Now added in, thanks for the heads ... [\[more\]](#)

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Anonymous wrote: Music is NOT better these days. Every genre of music is awful now.... [\[more\]](#)



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Triumph - Lay It On The Line  
Triumph - A World Of Fantasy  
Scorpions - The Zoo  
Scorpions - Can't Get Enough  
Berlin - Sex  
Quarterflash - Find Another Fool  
U2 - Sunday Bloody Sunday  
U2 - The Electric Co.  
Missing Persons - Words  
Stevie Nicks - Stand Back  
Stevie Nicks - Outside The Rain

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Good lordy that was awesome.

Posted by Anonymous | November 26, 2013 3:14 PM

I remember having a bootleg of the U2 set...very good stuff.

Posted by Anonymous | November 26, 2013 3:27 PM

I feel like either D or the Arctic Monkeys grandpa dude (who actually seems like a cool guy, as opposed to D) was at this festival.

Posted by Anonymous | November 26, 2013 3:55 PM

Van Halen's set from this festival is the most perfect historical document of rock and roll excess ever captured on film. The entire band is totally hammered with David Lee Roth in particularly rare form, from the pre-show backstage interview through his interactions with the crowd during the band's set.

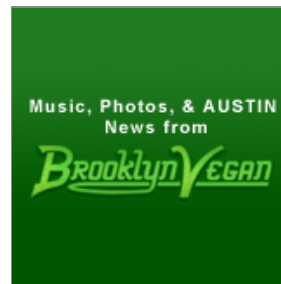
My personal favorite moment is when someone in the front row begins shooting DLR with a squirt gun, to which the always classy frontman responds "hey, don't be squirtin' water on me, maaan. I'mma fuck yer girlfriend, paaaaal!"

Pure unadulterated genius.

Posted by Anonymous | November 26, 2013 4:09 PM

Cool but hasn't this material aired a thousand times on tv from MTV back in the day right up to today on VH1 Classics? If they actually included the VH footage on this I would purchase this without hesitation. Unfortunately, per what 4:09 said, VH will never approve this show to be aired or distributed.

Posted by Umberto D | November 26, 2013 4:40 PM



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an interview with Kevin Shields of My Bloody Valentine



But you \*can\* watch it on YouTube:

<http://youtu.be/nY3vt-48Zzk>

Posted by Anonymous | November 26, 2013 5:05 PM

have the Everymen gone on yet?

Posted by Anonymous | November 26, 2013 5:47 PM

This DVD is fucking stupid. They should have the full sets on there. The Motley Crue footage is a before Shout was released.

Search out You Tube of these full sets..not this garbage

Posted by Anonymous | November 26, 2013 8:30 PM

i have to say, i sort of wish i was alive for real rock and roll.  
music is far better these days... but people just don't rock like they used to. it's very sad.

Posted by Anonymous | November 26, 2013 9:19 PM

4:09--Agreed. You could add up every single one of these hipster piss-ant bands that BV shills for--Speedy Ortiz, Metz, DIIV, Parquet Courts, Swearin', blah blah fucking blah on and on and on, literally hundreds of shitty New York bands, and they don't add up to the charisma of a single short, curly hair on the golden balls of David Lee Roth...

Where the fuck did it all go wrong?

Posted by Anonymous | November 26, 2013 9:45 PM

^Old dude.

Posted by Anonymous | November 26, 2013 11:19 PM

Old dude is certainly asleep right now.

Posted by Anonymous | November 26, 2013 11:53 PM

lol@ "music is far better these days"

Posted by Anonymous | November 27, 2013 12:42 AM

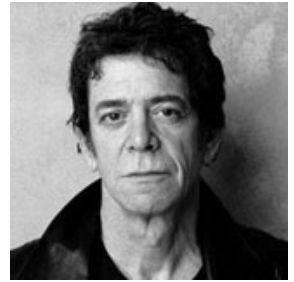
Music is NOT better these days. Every genre of music is awful now. Indie pop is just a regurgitation of 80s pop. Rock has no balls. Country is watered down rock music with twang. Hip hop was ruined by the dirty south. It all sucks.

Posted by Anonymous | November 27, 2013 8:12 AM

Are we really having the 'music sucks now' argument in a thread highlighting the absolute worst of the 80s?

Save for the Clash and Stevie Nicks, every single band at that festival is a fucking joke. Triumph? Haaaa.

Posted by Anonymous | November 27, 2013 9:46 AM



Lou Reed, RIP

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