

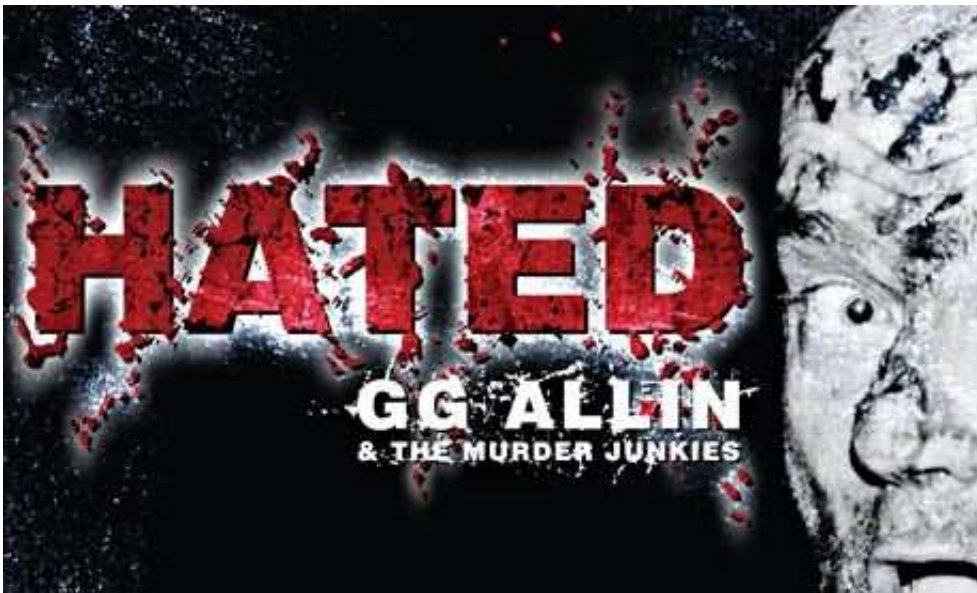
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This week's DVD and Blu-ray

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GG Allin: (Un)Censored – Live 1993 *DVD, MVD*

It speaks to the peculiar appeal of punk rock antihero GG Allin that at the time of his death in 1993, he counted both mellow pop scarecrow Beck and serial killer John Wayne Gacy among his fans. Neither cared much for Allin's music (though Beck did record a cover of Tough Fuckin Shit in 1992) but both admitted a fascination with the singer's eccentric stage performances, which often began with a bit of light coprophagia and then got weirder.

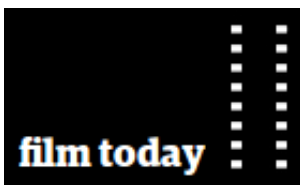
Equally intrigued was the director Todd Phillips. Twenty years before he grossed more than \$1.4bn with the Hangover trilogy, Phillips made his NYU thesis film Hated about Allin, and was nearly thrown out of school after he invited his subject to perform on campus during the shoot (Allin didn't even have a chance to remove the banana from his rectum before he was escorted offstage by security).

Phillips's film can be found on DVD via the website of niche distributor MVD (mvdb2b.com – it's a little outre for the high street) along with the newly released concert movie GG Allin: (Un)Censored – Live 1993. Shot during the rocker's infamous Terror In America tour, the film sees Allin perform from behind a makeshift fence installed to keep him from attacking his audience. Undeterred, he rails against the crowd from afar, setting alight an American flag and extinguishing the flames with a cocktail of bodily fluids. His lyrics, meanwhile, cast a net of offensiveness so wide that they're rendered almost meaningless.

The quality of the footage is far from impressive, but that's hardly the point. As a document of GG Allin's fearsome extremity, the film is rivalled only by My Prison Walls – an incongruously exquisite hardbound collection of Allin's prison diaries, preserving for future generations his account of masturbating 100 times within a single calendar month.

Also out

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