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James Spooner's *Afro-Punk* immediately came to mind, though one doesn't have anything to do with the other.

This one's titled *Punk In Africa*, and I think the title says it all, doesn't it?

The feature documentary...

... tells the story of the multi-racial punk movement within recent political and social upheavals experienced in three Southern African countries - South Africa, Mozambique and Zimbabwe - tracing the music to its roots in the underground rock music of early 1970s Johannesburg, to the Soweto Uprising and the militant anti-apartheid hardcore and post-punk bands of the 1980s, to the rise of celebratory African-inspired ska bands in the democratic era of the 1990s, to Today, as an emerging generation of bands continue to draw on this legacy to confront the political challenges of contemporary Zimbabwe and the uncertain identity issues of the Afrikaans minority in South Africa.

Featuring music, interviews and rare and unseen archive footage of Suck, Wild Youth, Safari Suits, Power Age, National Wake, KOOS, Kalahari Surfers, The Genuines, Hog Hoggidy Hog, Fuzigish, Sibling Rivalry, 340ml, Panzer, The Rudimentals, Evicted, Sticky Antlers, Freak, LYT, Jagwa Music, Fruits and Veggies, Swivel Foot and more...

I wish I could say that I was familiar with any of the above bands; alas, I can't! Then again, I've never really been big on punk; nothing against it, by the way; just never grew on me as a genre of music. I'd love to see this documentary however; a lot of history here I don't know.

Directed by Keith Jones & Deon Maas, *Punk On Africa* has been on the international film festival circuit for the last 6 months, and will next screen at the Rotterdam International Film Festival, which runs from January 25 through February 5.

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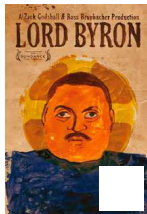


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