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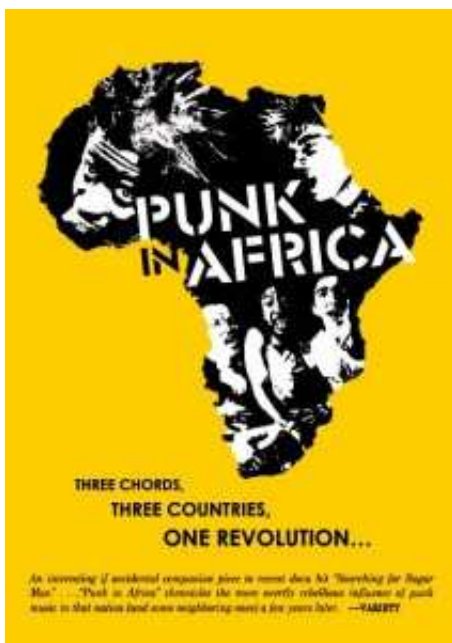
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## Various Artists - Punk In Africa

The revolution will be televised... finally



The buzz building around the hitherto obscure South African punk scene began in earnest after Keith Jones and Deon Maas' pioneering Punk In Africa documentary premiered worldwide in 2012. Now finally making the transition to DVD (with 45 minutes of additional material), it remains a captivating slab of celluloid.

Compiled in scrapbook visual style, with archival footage and fragments of vintage live performances intercut with candid contemporary interviews, Punk In Africa traces South Africa's three-chord roots back to early 70s proto-punks, including the frequently banned Suck. It goes on to reveal how the 1976 Soweto Riots and UK punk's first wave galvanised potent outfits such as Durban's Wild Youth and Johannesburg's racially integrated National Wake in the face of the country's oppressive Apartheid regime.

The action continues on broadly chronologically to showcase bands such as the hardcore-inclined Powerage

and Cape Town fusionists The Genuines, who took up the refusenik baton and ceaselessly needed the authorities during the 80s. Punk In Africa then completes its evolutionary cycle, showcasing diverse combos from the post-apartheid 90s/post-Y2K present day such as Cape Town ska-punks Hog Hoggidy Hog and (over the Zimbabwean border) the grunge-influenced Evicted.

Painstakingly researched and diligently spliced together, this documentary vividly illuminates three countries' courageous DIY insurrection. Its transition to the small screen can only enhance its reputation.



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