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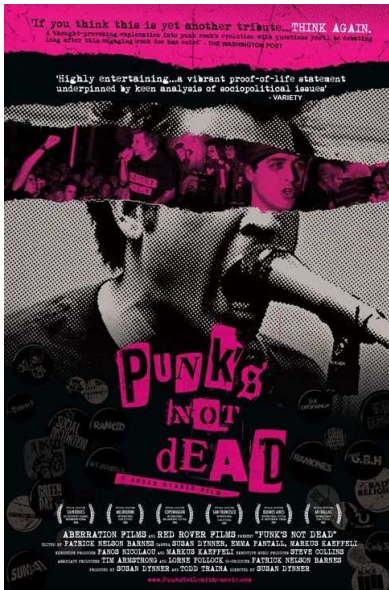


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Directed by Susan Dynner

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Those seeking the true grit and grander of punk rock and it’s infernal legacy need look no further than Susan Dynner’s new documentary, “Punk’s Not Dead”. Her extensive study of how punk rock has emerged from the underground to the mainstream is both an invigorating historic look at the genre and a condemning statement on an ignorant music industry.

This veritable who’s who of punk rock contains both archival and new interviews with punk rock performers, music journalists, and others. Performances and behind-the-scenes footage includes The Ramones, U.K. Subs, Social Distortion, Joey Shithead and Mike Ness to name but a few.

Punk rock is about rebellion, the honesty of anger, saying whatever the fuck you want and looking at the future with blood coloured glass in your eye. Punk rock isn’t about garnering praise or tapping your toe to a Nissan Pathfinder ad. Its a gun in your face held by an unpredictable foe, you never know if or when its going to go off. Yuppies dancing to Pennywise? The Offspring on MTV? Punk rock clothing sold at Macy’s? None of these things would have been remotely imaginable if it weren’t for Nirvana’s prophetic release, Nevermind. 1991 became the year to never mind. Never mind ignoring punk rock. Never mind avoiding corporate influence. Never mind the rebellion. It seems that the acceptance of punk rock as mainstream was only a generation away from it’s late 70’s roots, go figure. As Jello Biafra puts it, “The music was so intense it delayed the inevitable mass embrace. The music was too good not to.”

With “Punk’s Not Dead” director Susan Dynner gives us far more than just an interesting history lesson, she gives us the heart and soul of what “being” punk rock is truly about. Punk is simple, punk is plain, punk is about getting to the root value of doing exactly what you want. Who doesn’t like that?

[Punk’s Not Dead.com](http://Punk'sNotDead.com)

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