Music on DVD

Various Artists

Punk's Not Dead

Documentary

By now, there must be about as many punk docs as punk bands. So why see this one? Well, it does offer plenty of bands for the buck — about 60 acts and 150 interviews, to be exact. And along with the usual history lesson and archival footage, it brings the story up to date with current acts such as MCR and Sum 41, plus plenty of debate over who's punk and who ain't. Well, okay, then.

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Down the Tracks

Documentary

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Dylan influenced
everybody. But who
influenced him? Everyone
from Woody and Leadbelly to
Beaudelaire and the Beats,
according to this novel doc.
But even though it makes
its points with decent old
footage of some Americana
heroes — and performances
from The Handsome Family,
Jolie Holland and others
— too many talking heads
and too little Dylan footage
dull the impact.

- Daryl Sterdan