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THE DEAD BOYS LIVE...ON DVD

Twenty-seven years after the fact, one of the best U.S. punk bands ever might finally get their due. On Nov. 16, Music Video Distributors will issue the DVD, "**Dead Boys -- Live at CBGB's 1977.**" The incendiary performance was recorded by counterculture artist **Ron Swenson**, who was among the numerous misfits attracted to the musical and cultural explosion known as punk rock that was taking shape at a small club in New York City. In the summer and early fall of 1977, Swenson shot and produced videos for the likes of **the Ramones**, Dead Boys, **Blondie**, **Patti Smith** and others. Though the tapes were written off as lost, Swenson managed to locate most of the original masters and agreed to have them restored and released to the public. His three-camera color shoot of the Dead Boys at the height of their powers is the only one of its kind known to exist.

- Originally from Cleveland, the Dead Boys were led by singer **Stiv Bators** and guitarist **Cheetah Chrome**. Their 1977 debut album, "Young, Loud & Snotty," contained the punk classic, "Sonic Reducer." Their sophomore effort, 'We Have Come for Your Children,' spawned another classic, "Ain't It Fun." Bators died in 1990 in Paris from injuries suffered in a car crash. Since then, groups like **Pearl Jam**, **Guns N' Roses** and **the Beastie Boys** have covered and/or sampled Dead Boys songs.

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