

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

A Punk Rock Anthology (DVD)

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My first impression of this DVD was right the fuck on, cos I'd never seen this dangerous, inspirational footage of the **DEADBOYS** at the zenith of their sneering, splayed legged menace. Cheetah Chrome with the orange Deadboys dome, leopard print, gutter-grace. He was the human switchblade, back in the day, the Minister of Mayhem! And **STIV!** Don't get me started on STIV! Why the fuck hasn't there been a high quality biography or movie about STIV?

My other favorite band, **GEN X** is also here with some really endearing and sweet old interviews spliced in with some concert footage that don't match the music. And I totally loved the **Adicts** Clockwork Orange antics on "**VIVE LA REVOLUTION**". After those highlights, it gets sketchy, cos the Thunders and Marky Ramone stuff's the same old shit you've seen a thousand times, the Stooges reunion song probably makes more sense if you were there, and while I like a few of the other performers culled together here, like **G.B.H.**, it seemed like all these great punk bands from different eras were compiled to legitimize the obvious ringer band, **GOLDBLADE**. Who the fuck are GOLDBLADE?

Sleaze sez he's interviewed 'em, they're alright by him, but I'm a mighty suspicious person these days, and got no patience whatsoever for corporate rock masquerading as indie street punk, etc. Am I the only one who's sick to rotting death of all these pukey, preppie, put-on pop punk 22 year old showbiz-nephew millionaire puppet bands ala Sum 41, Fall Out Boy, All American Rejects, and Avenged Sevenfold? Where's Flipside Magazine when you need 'em to trace the L.A. origins of a band like **LIT**? Maybe **GOLDBLADE** are personal friends with Duanne Peters and Lemmy Kilmeister and Ricky Beck Mahler, and rock like bastards, and stand for truth and justice, and I just ain't hip to 'em, and aside from the Toy Dolls doofus joke rock that turns punk into safe, whacky, middleclass parody, the rest of these groups are all pretty much legendary. Seems an essential primer for the My Chemical Romantics and some worthwhile stuff to see for crusty oldsters who've been too derelict to own VCRS til late. It's hard to go wrong with Stiv & Cheetah.

P.S. Does Holly have a husband?

-Pepsi Sheen