

THE BIG TAKEOVER

g.g. allin & the murder junkies
hated dvd
(MVD Visual)

Whether you consider him to be the ultimate exercise in theatrical rock 'n' roll rebellion or simply a sad caricature of gory post-Sid Vicious self-destruction, punk singer and provocateur Allin was an unavoidable figure throughout the '80s and early '90s. Todd Phillips' 1993 documentary, a NYU student film project released just months before Allin met his death by overdose, is alternately gripping, gruesome, hilarious, and tragic. There are many highlights, though few can top the surreal sight of a naked G.G. "performing" at NYU before a bewildered crowd of titillated and terrified students, who smartly scam once he starts smearing a banana into his butt and tossing it into the audience. This deluxe reissue comes with many bonus features, including an interview with Allin's mom. (mvdvisual.com)