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# Shocking rock doc 'Hated' expanded on DVD

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It's an early Christmas for hardcore punk rockers, counterculture historians and freaks of all natures. In August, MVD Entertainment Group released a special edition DVD of the film "Hated," a 1993 documentary of punk singer GG Allin, whose ultraviolent concerts always involved nudity, fisticuffs and feces, and often ended in brawls.

"Hated" was filmed during Allin's final tour, before he died of an overdose in 1993, and captures both the mayhem and loneliness surrounding the controversial performer. Allin broke parole to appear in the film.

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Most surprising, perhaps, is that the film was made by Oscar-nominated writer and director Todd Phillips, who is known for outrageous comedies such as "Road Trip," "Old School" and "Starsky and Hutch." "Hated" was his first movie, made while he was a film student at New York University.

Containing brutal concert footage, obscene offstage behavior and candid — if at times incoherent — interviews, "Hated" is an unapologetic look at one of America's most compelling underground icons — and it is not for the faint of heart or weak-stomached. It contains violence, bodily discharges and a scene with a hot dog that won't be popular among school board members in



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At the same time, it captures Allin in reflective moods, offering a poignant glimpse at the man behind the madness. It's not quite Oprah material, but it does have its tender moments, like when Phillips briefly turns sociologist and interviews some of Allin's fans in an attempt to discern the appeal of such a performer. As

one might expect, these aren't deranged kids, but your typical hardcore punks just searching for acceptance, guidance, a leader or simply an outlet for their anger and inadequacies.

The special edition also contains a remarkable collection of bonus features, such as a short interview with Allin's mother and audio commentary by Allin's equally quirky bandmates, including his brother Merle.

Watching "Hated" 14 years since its initial release is like viewing an endangered species behind glass. Allin was truly the last of his breed. With the quality of psychotropic drugs now available it's unlikely that a figure this clinically extreme will ever infect pop-culture consciousness again. In some ways, that's a tragedy. Repulsive yet irresistible, Allin himself varied between tragedy and travesty, and "Hated" captures it all in graphic — extremely graphic — detail.

Time offers fresh perspective on the GG Allin spectacle, and no matter what adjectives you wish to apply to his mercurial life and career — disturbed, disgusting, genius, perverse, comical, gory, gratuitous, misogynistic and felonious all come to mind — add one more to this list: memorable.

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