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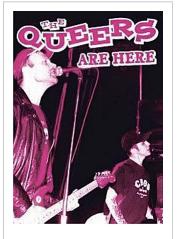
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Queer Eye

Miffing accomplished

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For nearly 20 years, the Queers have made a crude pop art of thrashing through their most infectious songs with the reckless abandon of a hardcore band — a really funny hardcore band that worships the Ramones and The Beach Boys. They actually cover the Beach Boys in one of the four music videos included on their new DVD, *The Queers Are Here* (MVD Visual). It's an endearingly faithful rendition of "Don't Back Down"

that finds them, in their matching leather jackets, playing surf rock on the beach as go-go girls in fringe bikinis shake it to the beat. The other tracks are sloppy live renditions of their greatest hits, from "Blabbermouth" to "Like a Parasite." The sound is crap throughout, but the performances are great. And Joe Queer gets a chance to open up a bit in the interview segments, talking trash on modern punk, and getting to the bottom of that controversial band name. "We just wanted a name," Queer explains, "that would piss off the art-fag community back home."

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