



"The Queers Are Here"

The Queers

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One of the longest-lasting punk rock bands is The Queers, who opened for their heroes, The Ramones, way back when. Since then, they've shared stages with "a million other bands. We toured with Screeching Weasel to MTX to The Muffs to GBH...to the Independents...and many more."

This Feb. 20 DVD has it all: from grainy, sound-impaired punk shows recorded all around the world to relatively glossy videos of the band's most pop-friendly songs, including an animated take on "I Can't Get Over You."

They chose their name to irritate the artsy community they came from, and it worked. They stuck with the same hard-charging, catchy tunes, and respect bands that play punk rock with no backup plan like Green Day. There are some great songs, great performances, great lyrics and revealing interviews on this DVD. So, punk rock fans, get it locally or visit www.mvdvisual.com.

(I'm including a parental advisory warning on this title, and the one below, for milder profanity than you'd find on most hip-hop discs.)

- Ricky Flake