



### 3. Hard Core Logo 2 (2010)

Remember at the end of *Hard Core Logo* when – spoiler alert! – Hugh Dillon’s aging punk Joe Dick blows his own brains out? Seems like a non-starter for a sequel, right? Undeterred, Canadian filmmaker Bruce McDonald found a fairly clever workaround for his own attempt at tentpole, franchise filmmaking. Though the second *Hard Core Logo* shifts its focus from the fake punk band *Hard Core Logo* to the real punk band *Die Mannequin* (themselves pretty fake), it’s McDonald himself who emerges as the film’s real star: playing the role of aging, self-destructive narcissist previously inhabited by Dick in the original. It may not have acquired the cult cache of the original, but for a director with a spotty filmography, *Hard Core Logo 2* may be McDonald’s most unblinkingly honest work. **JS**

