

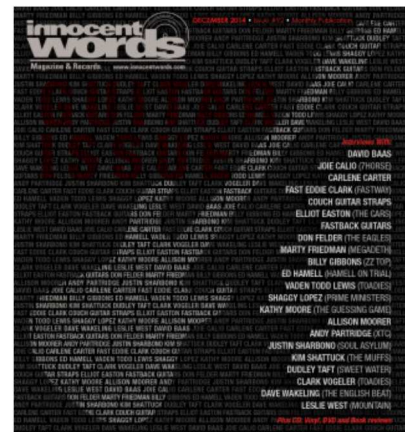


Every Everything: The Music, Life and Times of Grant Hart

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Every Everything The Music, Life and Times of Grant Hart (What Were We Thinking Films)

I didn't know that much about Grant Hart of Husker Du before watching this. I do now. He is an odd, interesting cat, more intellectual than your standard rock and roller, a visual artist (he did virtually all of Husker Du's album covers), an interesting storyteller and conversationalist.

This documentary on his life does a good job of staying out of the way of the story. It is not very chronological, and doesn't have much in the way of framing devices. Not to say that it is chaotic. It flows like a conversation. The film dives right into the current day and the subject at hand, and things unfold in a natural way. We get Grant talking and perhaps acting odd or not... hard to tell, since he seems a stranger at the start of the video (at least to myself). I did not recognize him from what little I remembered of him. His hair is shorter, he is wearing horn-rimmed glasses and a beige trench coat and is probably 50 pounds lighter. It's almost as if he is a different person. He certainly has been through a lot, made some mistakes and owns up to them. There is old footage of interviews and performances mixed in with current conversations with him.

This seemingly transparent documentary is interesting in no small part because Hart is such an interesting guy. He definitely has some opinions on him—although no ill will toward his ex-bandmates or anything of that sort (quite the contrary). We get to see into his creative instincts with lyrics and artwork, and arguably into his mind.

It's an enjoyable thing to watch, not that it's without its share of sad moments. It's oddly inspirational, definitely worth watching even if you are/were not a Husker Du fan, if you are inspired by art, music, and ideas made tangible.

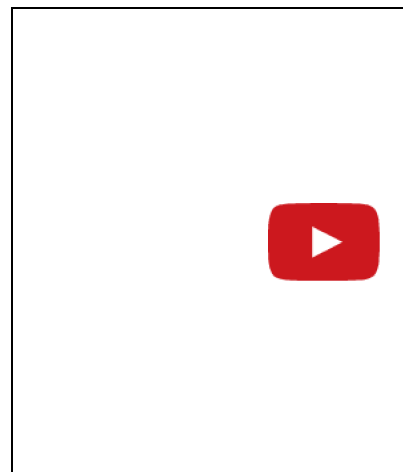


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