

SEARCH RT

All




## NEWS + FEATURES

### HOTTEST NEWS

- [2005 Oscar Nominations Are In!](#) **38**
- ["Big Momma" Gets a Big Weekend](#) **32**
- [AVP2 Coming Soon?](#) **26**
- [SUNDANCE: "Darwin" Actor Chris Penn Found Dead](#) **23**
- [Future Looks Bright for "Futurama"](#) **20**
- [Pixar's Board Says Yes to Disney](#) **17**
- [Russell Joins "Spider-Man 3"](#) **15**
- ["Magnum P.I." Comes to the Big Screen](#) **15**
- [Disney Buys Pixar; Toy Story 3 Gets Scrapped](#) **14**



### HEADLINES

Today - Tue, Jan 31, 2006

- [2005 Oscar Nominations Are In!](#) **38**
- [WB Sends Emmerich Back to "B.C."](#) **6**
- [Strathairn Signs Up for New Line's "Fracture"](#) **2**
- [Levy's "Museum" Hires a Few New Staff Members](#) **1**
- [Platinum Studios Plans to Start "Killing Demons"](#) **4**
- [Zhang Yimou to Enlist 20,000 Soldiers for His Next Epic](#) **8**

Mon, Jan 30, 2006

- [SUNDANCE: End of Festival Awards Announced](#) **1**
- ["Big Momma" Gets a Big Weekend](#) **32**
- [One-Named Director to Helm Unnamed Football Drama](#) **6**
- [Trailer Bulletin: The Notorious Bettie Page](#)
- [New Line to Delve in Jason's Origin Story?](#) **9**
- [Nick Love Wants You to Pay for His Next Movie](#) **3**

Previous 5 Days

- [Sat, Jan 28, 2006](#)
- [Fri, Jan 27, 2006](#)
- [Thu, Jan 26, 2006](#)
- [Wed, Jan 25, 2006](#)
- [Tue, Jan 24, 2006](#)

News Archive

- [January 2006](#)
- [December 2005](#)
- [November 2005](#)
- [October 2005](#)
- [September 2005](#)
- [August 2005](#)

## SUNDANCE: "American Hardcore" Review

Posted by *RT-News* on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006, 02:34 PM

*Tim Ryan* writes: "Paul Rachman's "American Hardcore," based upon a book of the same name by Steven Blush, is about as definitive a chronicle of American punk as we're likely to get. Packed with interviews, rough-but-compelling concert footage, and astute commentary, the film places the hardcore into a socio-political context and offers much for fans and non-acolytes to enjoy.



### American Hardcore (2006)

- [Posters](#)
- [News](#)
- [About](#)
- [Forum](#)

Hardcore is the name for the louder-faster punk rock that sprouted in the suburbs of Los Angeles, Washington and Boston in the late 1970s-early 1980s. Its participants were largely teenagers, who saw themselves as soldiers in a battle against both mainstream music and conservative politics. Their weapons were absurdly short, fast, loud songs. A sense of community in the music spread across the country; while hardcore was never popular, its adherents, from California to Minneapolis to Boston, became a loose network, helping bands find lodging, gigs, and camaraderie.

The film contains sharp interviews with most of the prominent figures of the era (Henry Rollins of Black Flag, Ian MacKaye of Minor Threat, H.R. of the Bad Brains) and gives due to some largely forgotten groups (like Boston's Gang Green and Jerry's Kids, or Indianapolis' Zero Boys). The concert footage is often as raw as the music itself; because video equipment at the time was poor by today's standards, and because it was shot by teenagers, it's sometimes hard to tell what's happening in a given scene. But it's probably all that survives from the era, and much of the footage is remarkable, from the Bad Brains' intense stage antics to the pulsing movement of the punks in the crowds.

"American Hardcore" is not simply a love note to the era; it emphasizes the filthy conditions in which the bands lived, the difficulties involved in touring, and the violence at shows that eventually caused the movement to splinter. But the film also demonstrates how much of the edgy popular music of today, from mainstream punk to indie rock, borrowed greatly from hardcore.

Punks (by nature) will quibble with the film, and will note omissions of key bands or scenes. But for anyone who wants to investigate hardcore, this is a great place to start.

### Check out Sundance features by Rotten Tomatoes:

- [Sundance Full Coverage](#)
- [Sundance Blog](#)
- [Sundance Discussion"](#)

### Related News Articles to American Hardcore (2006)

- [SUNDANCE: Weinberg's Sundance Scorecard \(01/26/06\)](#)
- [SUNDANCE: Blog -- Redford and Ebert and Interviews, Oh My! \(01/26/06\)](#)
- [more...](#)

### Related Items

*Celeb:* [Paul Rachman](#)

*Home:* [Dallas](#)

- July 2005
- June 2005
- May 2005
- April 2005
- March 2005
- February 2005

Henry Rollins  
 Ian MacKaye  
 Bad Brains  
 Black Flag  
 Minor Threat

Select Month...

[ [Add Comment](#) | [Submitter's Journal](#) | [Email a Friend](#) ]

 Got a **HOT NEWS** item? Submit it to RT!

[News Index](#)

[« Prev](#)

[Next »](#)

Viewing 1-3 of 3 User Comments



## USER COMMENTS

Page: [ 1 ]

**#473183 DanSmith** on Jan 26 2006, 10:41 PM writes:  
 i must see this...

[Reply to this](#)

**#473215 RT-News** on Jan 27 2006, 02:38 AM writes:  
 I'm not into music, but I enjoyed this and is planning on reading the book. The people interviewed are so energetic and enthusiastic - and interesting. The movie could have been about any kind of new movement. It could have been about making independent films or starting a company for the first time. A lot of blood and sweat goes into it. You work long, crazy hours for very little pay. And people are really passionate about what they're doing. Good movie.

[Reply to this](#)

-Senh

**#473447 bsideleau** on Jan 27 2006, 02:21 PM writes:  
 As a fan of early 80's hardcore and noise rock.....I'm eagerly awaiting this film. I'll admit that from what I've heard, the book is just "ok".....but then again that's just what I've heard. I hope there is some footage of bands like Flipper, Negative Trend, The Gun Club, and later-day Black Flag.....which really successfully pushed hardcore into wildly different directions. I also hope that it doesn't attempt to "glorify" the lame fan/police related violence.....the music was never about a bunch of macho shiteheads beating the shit out of eachother. It was about a bunch of mutual weirdos (like myself) coming together and getting off to some intense and passionate music.

[Reply to this](#)

Page: [ 1 ]

## WRITE A COMMENT

You must be registered to post comments. [Login](#) or [Register](#).

[NEWS](#) | [TOP MOVIES](#) | [TOMATO PICKER](#) | [CERTIFIED FRESH](#) | [MULTIMEDIA](#) | [CELEBS](#) | [CRITICS](#)

[About](#) | [FAQ](#) | [Site Map](#) | [Critics Submission](#) | [Linking to RT](#) | [Syndication](#) | [Licensing](#) | [Certified Fresh](#) | [Movie List](#) | [Celebs List](#) | [Games List](#) | [Contact](#) | [XML](#)



IGN.com : [GameSpy](#) : [Arcade](#) : [Arena](#) : [TeamXbox](#) : [GameStats](#) : [Planets](#) : [Vaults](#) : [VE3D](#) : [AskMen.com](#)  
[CheatsCodesGuides](#) : [FilePlanet](#) : [3D Gamers](#) : [Direct2Drive](#) : [Rotten Tomatoes](#) : [GamerMetrics](#)

By continuing past this page, and by the continued use of this site, you agree to be bound by and abide by the [User Agreement](#). Certain product data ©1995-present Muze, Inc. For personal use only. All rights reserved.

Copyright 1998-2006, IGN Entertainment, Inc. [About IGN](#) | [Advertise](#) | [Privacy Policy](#) | [User Agreement](#)