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Music Notes

D.O.A. slams into sundance

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We're guessing that the resort town of Park City, Utah, probably doesn't play host to many punk-rock gigs, but it got a dose of old-school attitude on January 25, when the Circle Jerks and **D.O.A.** played the Star Bar during the annual Sundance Film Festival. The occasion was a party in honour of the premiere of director-producer Paul Rachman and writer-producer Steven Bush's *American Hardcore*. The documentary, based on Bush's 2001 book of the same title, tells the story of the early-'80s hardcore-punk movement through interviews with many of those who saw it firsthand. D.O.A.'s **Joe Keithley** is in the film, so it was only natural that his band was asked to appear. The veteran punk told the *Straight* that he enjoyed playing the gig, but noted that it wasn't the band's usual sort of crowd: "Fans drove up from Salt Lake, because it's only about an hour from Salt Lake City, so there were a lot of people that we'd played shows for over the years that I hadn't seen in ages. That was maybe about a third of the audience, and maybe about a third was people that make a vacation out of going there to see the films... And then the other third was all industry types—a lot of cappuccinos, a lot of cellphones, that kind of mob. And you could hear everybody talking about potentially getting a deal for this, a deal for that. Everybody's up there trying to make some sort of deal. Except for us. We were just there with our guitars."

The filmmakers are hoping *American Hardcore* will see a decent theatrical release, but if the doc doesn't make it to Vancouver, watch for it on DVD. See www.americanhardcorefilm.com/ for details.

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