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DVD: G.G. Allin & The Murder Junkies, “Hated” (MVD Visual)

Arguably the most shocking performer in the history of rock, frontman GG Allin was notorious for having no boundaries. While performing his sloppy, '70s-influenced punk rock, the singer would often be totally nude, bleeding and covered in his own feces, while physically assaulting his audience or attempting to rape female fans (which eventually sent him to prison for two years).

This disturbing, hour-long documentary from former New York University student Todd Phillips — who went on to direct the comedies “Old School” and “Starsky & Hutch” — builds briskly through riotous performance footage and candid interviews with the volatile Allin, his brother/handler Merle and other assorted scumbags. The young director does a fine balancing job with a difficult subject, an unsympathetic outlaw seemingly capable of murder (he even befriends serial killer John Wayne Gacy), who channeled his aggression into artistic pursuits — though some would simply label them public S&M.

Always the purist, Allin believed he was the last true rocker. By the end, though, after countless hospital and jail stints, he was just another bloated cliché dead from a heroin overdose. Somehow, this short film manages to evoke a few moments of sympathy for the hard-knock life caused by Allin’s all-consuming hatred of society — which is not adequately explained in the film. But, hey, it’s a student film with gutsy subject material.

★★★☆☆— *Brent Baldwin*