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The Mau Maus 1981 Line Up Release "Scorched Earth Policies: Then & Now"



Then - The Mau Maus 1982

Original 1978 Hollywood punk rock band the **Mau Maus** have released "*Scorched Earth Policies: Then & Now*" which contains 6 songs from their 1983 recordings (produced by **Doors** guitarist Robby Krieger), and 8 new recordings that feature the 1981 line up of the band - Rick Wilder (**Berlin Brats**), Scott "Chopper" Franklin (**The Cramps, Nick Curran & the Lowlifes**), Paul "Black" Mars (**LA Guns**) and Michael Livingston (**The Livingstons**) playing the rest of their songs from that era.

The Mau Maus formed in 1978 and were amongst the original Masque bands. Reveled and reviled, taking the raw energy of Iggy and the Stooges and infusing an unhealthy dose of James Brown jive, the Mau Maus were formed when mid 70's trash rockers the **Berlin Brats** imploded when punk rock arrived and divided the band. When the band cancelled their appearance in Penelope Spheeris' "**The Decline of Western Civilization**", Penelope asked singer Rick Wilder to introduce the bands appearing in the film. When he insisted on saying what he wanted about each band, the idea was scrapped. "Scorched Earth Policies" is the band's first full length release.



Now – The Mau Maus 2012

“This is a punk rock insurrection meets nuclear horror show circus... it is the re-ignition of the most storied and certainly the most notorious of the original wave of LA's Punk Rock Explosion,” states Rick Wilder. “In essence, you will get to experience THE prototype of raw Power/Punk bands.”

*“The Mau Maus have a reputation as one of the baddest of Hollywood’s bad-boy bands- and it’s no hype.” **Los Angeles Times***

*“The ones that impressed us in look had bad attitudes, like the Mau Maus. They were great. They were really hard... and that totally impressed me.” **Spit Stix – FEAR***

*“Can we just tell the world what incredible groundbreakers the Mau Maus were?! I first saw them in the late 70’s and I’ve been a fan ever since. Back in the day when everyone was trying to be “cool,” the Mau Maus had everybody beat, hands down. No question, they were the absolute coolest.” - **Penelope Spheeris (Decline of Western Civilization)***

For more information please visit these websites:

www.themaumaus.com

<http://www.youtube.com/user/SexDeath78>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Mau-Maus/283735406528>

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