

The Clash: An Unforgettable Interview with Nick Johnstone



The Clash talking to Nick Johnstone, a journalist from the NME

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: The Clash and the Birth of Punk

The Clash were one of the most influential punk bands of all time, and their music continues to inspire generations of fans. In this article, we'll take a look back at a classic interview with the band's guitarist, Mick Jones, and bassist, Paul Simonon, conducted by journalist Nick Johnstone.

The interview was published in the NME in 1977, just a few months after the release of The Clash's debut album. At the time, the band was still relatively unknown, but they were already making a name for themselves with their raw energy and political lyrics.

The Interview

Nick Johnstone: So, The Clash. What's the story behind the name?

Mick Jones: We wanted a name that was simple and easy to remember. Something that would stick in people's minds. We also liked the idea of a name that had a bit of a rebellious edge to it.

Paul Simonon: Yeah, we wanted a name that would reflect our music and our attitude. We're not a pop band, we're a punk band.

Nick Johnstone: And what's the story behind your sound?

Mick Jones: We're influenced by a lot of different things. Punk, reggae, rockabilly, even classical music. We just wanted to create a sound that was uniquely our own.

Paul Simonon: Yeah, we don't want to be pigeonholed into any one genre. We want to be able to experiment and explore different sounds.

Nick Johnstone: And what are your lyrics about?

Mick Jones: Our lyrics are about real life. We write about things that matter to us, things that we're passionate about. We want our music to make people think and feel.

Paul Simonon: Yeah, we want our music to be a force for change. We want to use our music to make the world a better place.

Nick Johnstone: What do you think of the punk scene?

Mick Jones: We think it's great. It's a way for young people to express themselves and to make their voices heard. Punk is about more than just music, it's about a whole way of life.

Paul Simonon: Yeah, punk is about individuality and freedom. It's about not conforming to the status quo.

The Clash's Legacy

The Clash went on to become one of the most successful and influential bands of all time. Their music has inspired generations of fans and

continues to be played and enjoyed today.

The Clash's legacy is one of rebellion, passion, and social consciousness. They were a band that always spoke their minds and never shied away from controversy. They were also a band that was committed to making the world a better place.

The Clash's music is a reminder that anything is possible if you have the courage to follow your dreams. They are an inspiration to us all, and their music will continue to be enjoyed for generations to come.

The Clash were a truly unique and special band. Their music was a powerful force for change and their legacy continues to inspire fans around the world. The interview with Nick Johnstone provides a fascinating insight into the band's early days and their vision for the future. It is a must-read for any fan of The Clash or punk rock in general.



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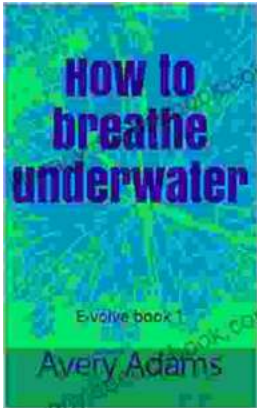
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