

In order to illustrate
Bruce Conner's relationship
with the Mutants
I am going to present material
from my project Mutant Fan
(in a kind of uneasy narrative
fashion.)

Watch Out for the Furniture:

Bruce Conner Loves the Mutants

In the first video I will show,
Dirk Dirksen
introduces Bruce Conner.
Dirk Dirksen was the
Godfather of Punk.



Savoy Tivoli 1981

He managed the Mabuhay Gardens
in San Francisco,
the legendary punk club
that allowed a unique
experimental performance art
to evolve.



Fritz Fox of the Mutants

(who I will meet, 14 years later, at the No Tell Motel on Ave B, NYC)

The video was shot in 2005
at Studio Z on Folsom St.
The Mutants had not
played together
for about twenty years.



Me

It was at this show
in 2005
that I first saw the Mutants perform
after having met Fritz Fox,
the lead vocalist and my current spouse,
ten years earlier.

2005



It was at this show
in 2005
that I became a
Mutant Fan.

Bruce Conner May 2005

(He is greeting Fritz Fox at Studio Z)



The Mutants
had first performed
at the
San Francisco Poetry Festival
in 1977.

Fritz Fox poses with Bruce Conner

at Studio Z, San Francisco, May 2005



They quickly became
regular performers
in the San Francisco
punk rock scene,
headlining at the Mabuhay Gardens
and other punk venues.

Fritz Fox and I pose with Bruce Conner

at Studio Z, San Francisco, May 2005



Bruce Conner
spent the year 1978
photographing performances
at the Mabuhay
and was an integral part
of the culture.

He would often document
the bands from the stage
while wearing a ripped down jacket
that emitted feathers
as he moved about and between
performing musicians,
providing a bit of a performance
himself.

Dirk Dirksen (godfather of punk) introduces Bruce Conner, May 2005 at Studio Z



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The second video uses footage from Mindaugis Bagdon's *Louder Faster Shorter*, a documentary of the 1978 benefit for striking Kentucky coal miners at the Mabuhay.

Bruce Conner performing

at Studio Z, San Francisco, May 2005



Bruce Conner is briefly seen
on stage
filming with a Bolex
16 mm camera.

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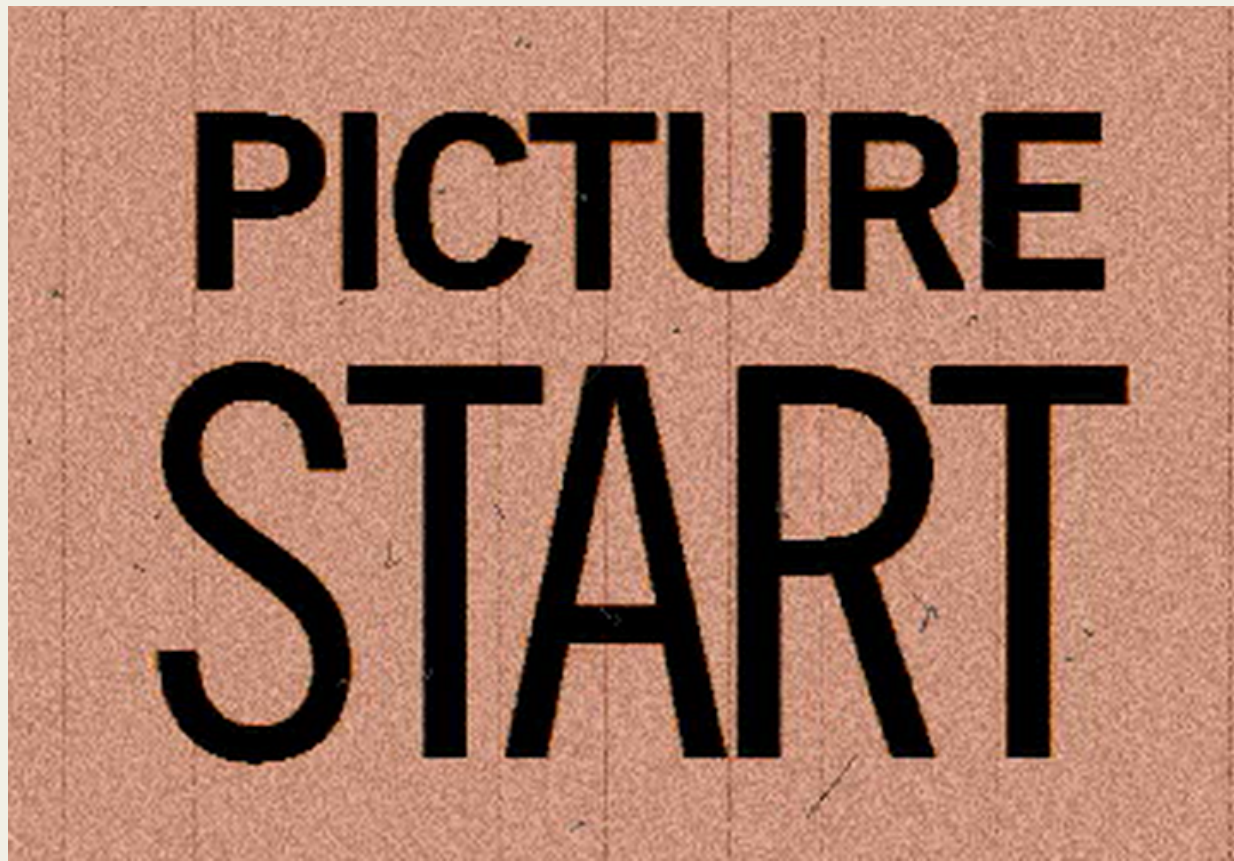
I remixed the original footage
with others' videos and
photographs from the time.

It gives an insight
into the culture.

Bruce Conner watching the Mutants at Studio Z, May 2005



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After I became a Mutant Fan
I began to make videos
to be projected on stage
as the Mutants performed.

Mutants at Fab Mab Reunion

Fillmore Auditorium, April 8, 2006



These videos
were fast paced
edited clips
from many movies

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and were theme based,
such as
Russ Meyers films,

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film noir,
elegant masquerades,
and the Party.

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In the summer of 2008
I was working on
the Party video

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to be used at
the Pioneers of Punk show
at the Fillmore

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when I received news
that Bruce Conner
had crossed over.

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PIONEERS OF PUNK

flipper!
avengers
mutants
negative
trend
& target
video77

July 26th
The Fillmore
San Francisco
all ages



The Mutants
requested that I make a video
to honor him,
to open the set with their song
Missing In Action.

Mutants' Tribute to Bruce Conner Missing In Action



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