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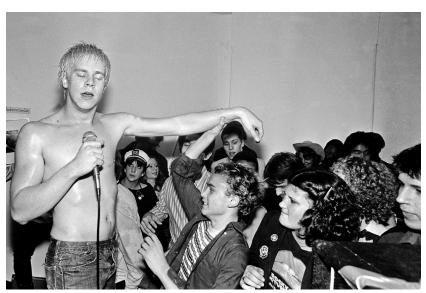
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Agnés b and Collective Mu present HARD ART DC 1979, a touring exhibition and book about the birth of the Washington, D.C. punk scene and its lasting impact on music and culture worldwide. Featuring photographs by two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Lucian Perkins, HARD ART DC 1979 offers a singular, close-up view of a thriving, underground scene in obscure art co-ops and performance spaces of the nation's capital. The exhibition and book includes narrative writing from Alec MacKaye, an influential singer and musician cum writer (the Untouchables, Faith, Ignition, The Warmers), whose front man energy inspired artists and bands such as Kurt Cobain, Sonic Youth and Pearl Jam. The exhibition and book signing at agnés b is in collaboration with Collective Mu and the 2015 Magnetique Nord Festival @ Garage Mu and will feature performances by several D.C.-based artists: legendary musician/DJ Ian Svenonius (Escape-ism, Chain & the Gang, the Make-Up, Nation of Ulysses), artist/performer Olivia Neutron-John, and Matterlink.





# **HARD ART**

#### **EXHIBITION ON VIEW:**

December 11 - December 31, 2015 Agnés b., 17, rue dieu 75010 Paris

#### VERNISSAGE:

Thursday, December 10, 2015 6 to 8 p.m. with DJ Name Names (Ian Svenonius)

#### **PERFORMANCES:**

2015 Magnétique Nord Festival

(a) Garage Mu
Friday, December 11, 2015
45, rue Léon
ESCAPE-ISM ( Ian Svenonius),
OLIVIA NEUTRON JOHN, CANNERY TERROR,
MATTERLINK / D.C. Punk Vampling

#### **ARTIST TALK & BOOK SIGNING:**

with Lucian Perkins and Alec MacKaye Saturday, December 12, 2015, 5 p.m. Agnés b., 17, rue dieu The talk will be preceded by a screening of excerpts from "Punk the Capital", a film by James Schneider and Paul Bishow. (Schneider will be present for the screening).

#### MELENA RYZIK OF THE NEW YORK TIMES:

"In 1979, the photographer Lucian Perkins stumbled into a seminal moment in music history. He didn't know it at the time, of course. He was 26, a photography intern at the Washington Post, when by chance he heard an emerging punk band, Bad Brains, playing above a Washington restaurant. Investigating, he found a roomful of teenagers dancing with sweaty abandon. 'It was a cool scene that no one really knew about,' said Mr. Perkins, now a two-time Pulitzer winner, 'and it piqued my interest to start documenting it.' He was the only one there with a camera."

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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