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***THE PUNK SYNDROME* at The DocYard**
Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:30pm at the Brattle Theatre
Special Co-Presentation with the Balagan Film Series!

CAMBRIDGE, MA — **The DocYard** and **the Balagan Film Series** are excited to co-present the Finnish documentary ***THE PUNK SYNDROME***, a recipient of the SXSW Film Festival Audience Award. The film has also recently earned the Prix Europa 2013 and the Citizens Award at the Yamagata International Documentary Film Festival.



Synopsis: *The Punk Syndrome* is a film about the Finnish punk-rock band Pertti Kurikan nimipäivät (Pertti Kurikka's Name Day), formed by four mentally disabled guys. It follows the band's journey from their rehearsal room to festival stages and into the limelights. The film shows the love and hate between them. The arguments. The crying. The laughter. It shows what punk used to be about: misfits screaming their lungs out about real problems. Is this the last punk band in the World? And they are here to make a fuss.

Filmmaker Jukka Kärkkäinen will attend through Skype for Q&A.

Filmmaker Bios: **Jukka Kärkkäinen** has been making documentary films since 2003. Aside from filmmaking Jukka has a background as a construction worker. He is the co-founder of Mouka Filmi production company. **J-P Passi** has worked as a cinematographer since 2000. He also directs and works as a scriptwriter every now and then.

“Opens a window on to another world.” –The Guardian

“Rough, rousing, and raucous rock-doc... The directors’ affecting yet non-sentimental vérité approach suits the raw material, spurning ‘expert’ talking head commentary and letting the band speak (and scream) for themselves.” –Total Film

Tickets for each film can be
purchased online at www.brattlefilm.org
or at the Brattle box office.

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www.thedocyard.com

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