

**DEATH TO
FOLK PUNK**

**Yes, that
means
you**



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or alternatively

DEATH TO

the new, ukelele filled, liberal version of the genre previously known as

FOLK PUNK

Yes, that

(largely, depending where you sourced this zine from and what your intentions / background are)

means

(again, probably a majority of you; but some of you may renounce the title after reading this)

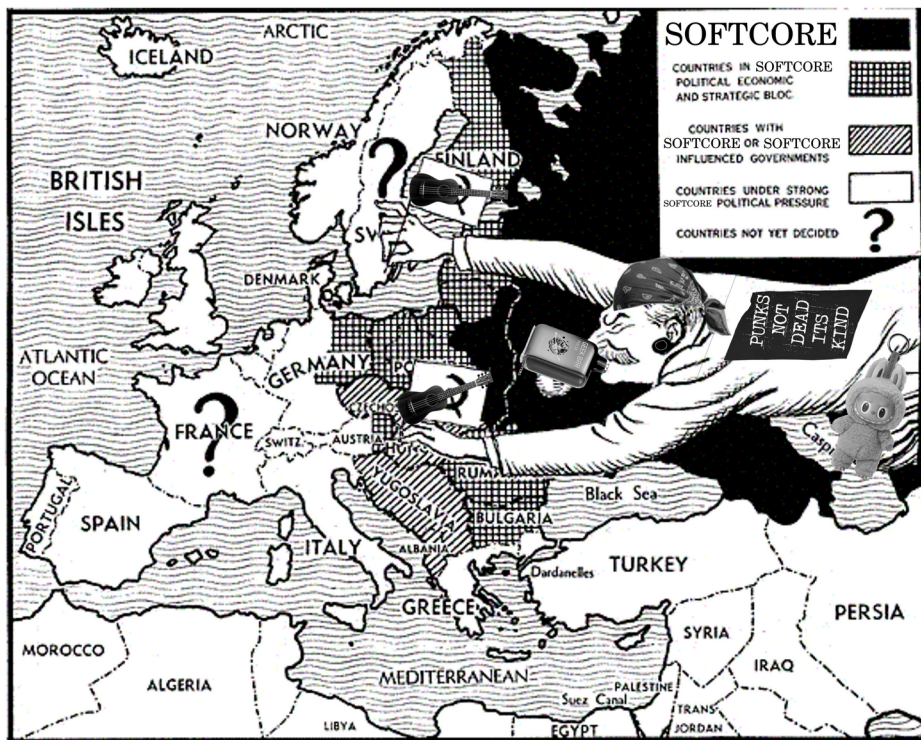
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You can set off a small scale Spanish Civil War in any folk punk scene by asking any oldhead when folk punk really “started” or what its origins consist of. Is it Celtic music, Protest songs, and traditional Appalachian ballads rolled into one, created by the CIA to spread opioid addiction among poor white kids, or did Pat the Bunny make it out of thin air? But that's not what I'm here to discuss, what I'm here to discuss is the new age of folk punk, signaled by the death of Mischief Brew Folk Punk legend: Eric Peterson.



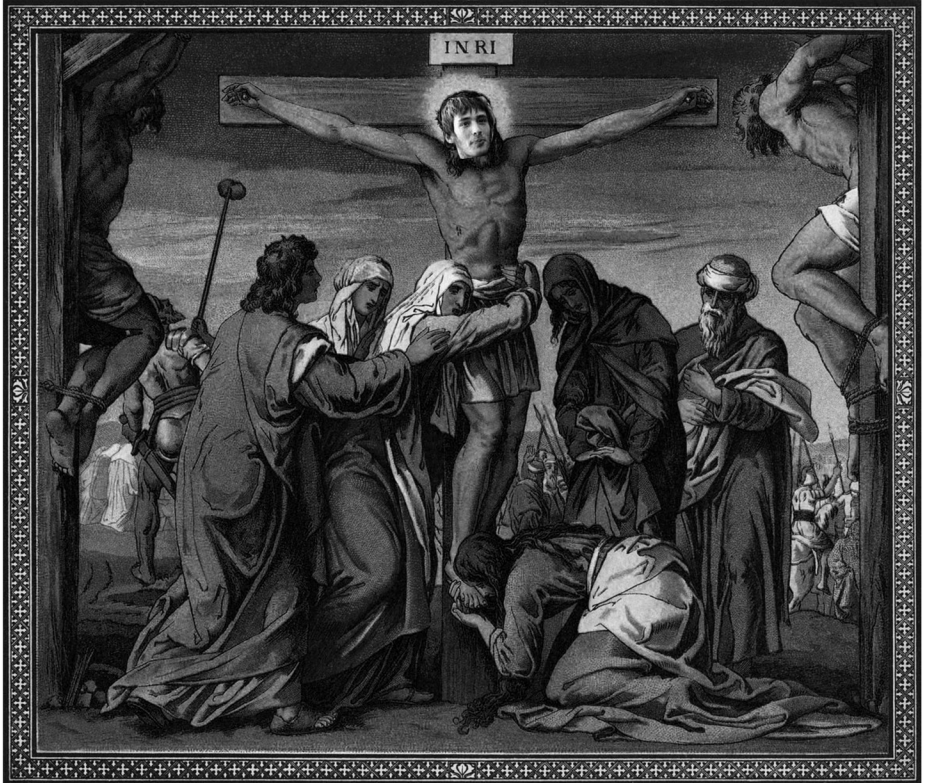
The death of Eric Peterson was the final nail in the coffin for an already dying era of folk punk. The psuedo oogles were on hiatus, Mischief Brew and all their adjacent projects that they made fell apart, and all that remained was Ramshackle Glory. Ramshackle Glory mostly took the songs of Pat the Bunnys solo project, and made them a full band project, specifically the songs on recovery and friendship through strife, becoming the final breath of Pat the Bunny with a couple of new tunes, marked what would become the future. Following projects would take the project as a stepping off point for their sound and vibe.

At that moment, a spectre began haunting folk punk, the spectre of “softcore”



It has evolved throughout the years, straining the punk and the folk out of folk punk, getting more and more noticeable to the average listener. No longer are we playing in abandoned garages and getting run out by the cops; now its pool noodles and labubus. The majority of ‘folk punk’ is no longer about robbing banks, burning it all down and getting the hell out of dodge, its about friendship, holding hands and playing a ukelele about how much you love your friends.

The real nail in the coffin, for me, was Pat returning with his non folk punk project of Friends in Real Life. It was..... fun, janky, but a bit of millennial slop for sure not associated with what folk punk is known for, and yet, the work was taken as folk punk gospel, and softcore finally took over the genre.



Now I'm not bashing on you if you like it, do whatever you fucking want, but its no longer folk punk, and its time to separate the two. For too long now have folk punks kicked soft core enjoyers in the pit, and softcore listeners sit uncomfortably as folk punks down a keg of beer. Its time for a differentiation in the community, because this meshing of the two is going horribly wrong.

To paint this picture, here are some testimonies from ex folk punks around the globe (Pennsylvania). We will begin with the earliest: those of spokrat. TO SHOW THAT THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT HAS LONG BEEN BREWING

deth 2 folk punk

well i know im not the first but sure hope that im the last
and this holding hands and riding bikes has sure gotta pass
im going to burn down your treehouse and break that damn banjo
and you muppets are getting heckled everytime you play a show
everything you touch turns so damn annoying
and your liberal politics are god damn boring
i don't know what you're giggling about this life is total shit
but it'd be a lot better if you weren't a part of it

wimps and posers leave the hall
death to folk punk
WHOA OH OH WHOA OH OH OOOOH
WHOOOOOAAAAAAAAAAAAA#
WHOA WHOAAAAAAAAAA#
WHOA WHAO WAHG

folk punk will never die it has to be assassinated
folk punk will never die it has to be brutally murdered
folk punk will never die it has to be drawn and quartered
folk punk will never die it has to be defenestrated
folk punk will never die it has to be upper decked
folk punk will never die it has to be hit by a bus
folk punk will never die it has to be smacked with a sock full of pennies
folk punk will never die it has to be locked in a house and burnt down

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there should be more emphasis on softcore forcing itself to be the norm at every show regardless of who all is playing

I don't care if there is a softcore band on a bill I just hate that all the softcore millennials then get upset when I do MY folk punk thing to a non-softcore band

I have referred to softcore as "corporate folk punk" before not to accuse them of selling out but because of how much they try to force everyone to conform to their idea

Go to a softcore show and at least 3/4 of the people all dress the same.

Go to a folk punk show and u will see a beautiful diversity of expression, art, passion, and humanity

Folk punk is fr full of racist white kids stealing dirtykid culture for clout and forgetting the politics of the people living outside that made the shit first

----- been pissing me off hard ever since i learned how much ----- make off their tours

They pay off their credit card in full just off of merch sales

Folk punk is jist white washed ed sheeren tyepe shit now

Like now yall are what you sang about in the past

Folk punk is a stupid small genre that used to be full of angry kids and now it's full of people who are there to hold hands and sing together without doing anything productive. Folk punk has lost its teeth.

It's more that I'm just really tired of the new folk punk that just seems to be everywhere.

I didn't used to mind it as much before but it seems like ninety percent of the crowd are just there for that type of shit and all the new artists are imitating that vibe specifically.

The problem is that people like this go for the 'community' and the cool 'aesthetic' instead of the music so when they make music it doesn't sound like what came before it. It's being watered down and made palatable.

Everyone sounds like the same tiktok crap there's nothing new anymore.

New people coming into the scene are shoveled this mass produced clean crap that is just vaguely political enough for the singer to feel good about themselves, without ever having to actually form their own opinion or say anything controversial.

There's no punk in folk punk anymore.

You shouldn't be sitting down at a folk punk show, I'm going to kick you.

I've had people get mad at me for moshing, at a folk punk show. It's ridiculous.

the sound is shit the people are shit, kill every folk punk.

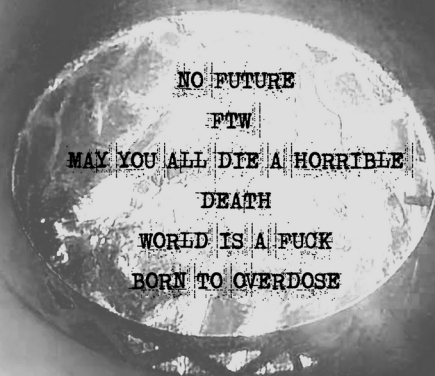
IF THIS IS SOBER FOLK PUNK, I FUCKING HATE IT; FOLK PUNK WAS BETTER
WHEN EVERYONE WAS HIGH AND SHOULD ONLY BE WRITTEN BY ADDICTS.

Okay maybe not seriously? But if anyone says "well they're sober you
should be happy" one more time when I'm talking about the music and
politics shift and not the people involved I'm just gonna ragebait and say
that maybe they should stop making music or do more fent.

It genuinely comes up in every
discussion related to folk punk and
it's just not related to what I'm
discussing with the sound, they treat
it as an end all too like I'm supposed
to start saying it's good after that:
cool that you're sober man but your
shit sucks.

if I see a single major chord in
any song about anything besides
beating addiction I am putting a
hole in your banjo

I'm fuckin' dark folk punk now, Pat
made a couple good songs about
friendship within addiction / strife
and everyone thinks folk punk is
about ring around the rosie and
happiness like some hippie end of the
world cult



NO FUTURE
FTW
MAY YOU ALL DIE A HORRIBLE
DEATH
WORLD IS A FUCK
BORN TO OVERDOSE

Death to ukeleles, death to softcore, fuck it all, death to folk punk and all of its
subsidiaries



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