

# DUNDEE'S DUFF PISTOLS POSTER - 1976 :: Reader View

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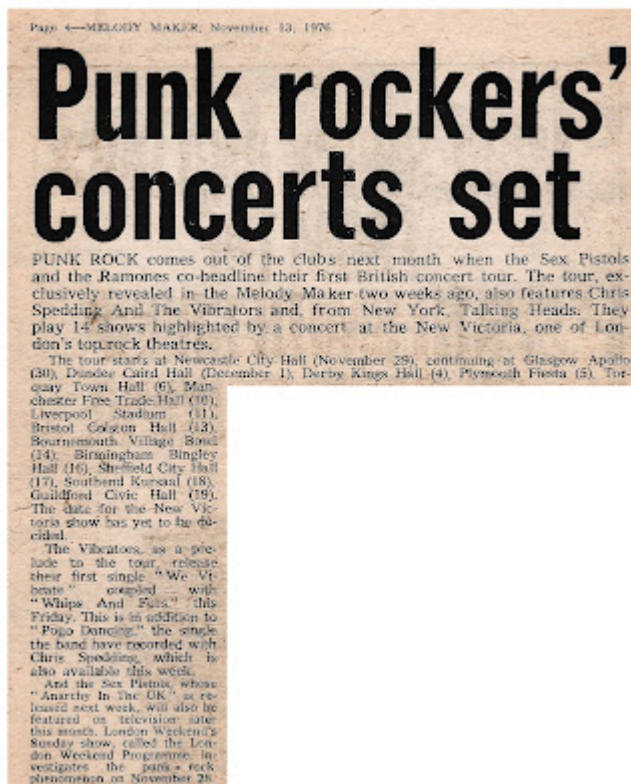


It has been in circulation as a fact that, the Sex Pistols cancelled this 1st December Dundee gig "at the last minute" to appear on the infamous Bill Grundy TV show.

Well here below is a factual timeline sequence published in the music press that suggests otherwise...

On **13 November** the music press published the Sex Pistols tour dates, with support acts confirmed as being The Ramones, Talking Heads, Chris Spedding & The Vibrators.

The Dundee date being 1st December.



On **20 November**, the music press published an announcement that the original support acts had pulled out of the tour and had been replaced by Johnny Thunder's Heart Breakers, The Damned and The Clash.

As a result, the tour schedule was revamped - with 16th December now the date for Dundee.

**PUNK TOUR:  
PISTOLS  
SLAM  
RAMONES**

**PUNKS** are at war! The special punk package tour in December, co-starring Britain's Sex Pistols and New York's Ramones, has collapsed.

The Ramones, Talking Heads and Chris Spedding And The Vibrators have pulled out — leaving the Pistols to soldier on alone.

But the whole tour has been revamped and the Pistols are now joined by the Heartbreakers — the band formed by ex-New York Doll Johnny Thunder — the Damned and the Clash.

Highlight of the new tour will be the first-ever concert at a new major London venue, the Roxy Theatre, Notting Dale, on Boxing Day.

Ramones manager Danny Fields claimed this week that the tour was never really on — but Pistols' manager Malcolm McLaren has dismissed that statement as "a load of old rubbish."

Fields told *MM* this week: "As of last Sunday night only three dates had been confirmed of the 20 or so the Sex Pistols management had told us about. Fred Banister, who was promoting the tour and who was a major factor in persuading Phonogram to back it financially, had pulled out — and when he quit, Phonogram pulled out.

"We weren't too concerned about violence. Perhaps Phonogram was, and I know promoters are always worried about violence. But I don't see what Phonogram are worried about — we'd be in the thick of it, not them."

Phonogram said they were not in business to set up tours, and any decision by them would not have affected the shows. Promoter Banister was unavailable for comment. But Malcolm McLaren said they were not in business to set up tours, and any decision by them would not

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**PUNK ROCK  
TOUR ROW**

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McLaren, the Pistols' manager, said "All that about the tour is rubbish. It's just that Phonogram wouldn't cough up any money to promote the tour.

"The Ramones felt they weren't getting any publicity, but that's not my fault. Anyway, if the Pistols were touring America with the Ramones and we only got one line I wouldn't blow the whole thing out. It's ridiculous.

"Talking Heads are out because they were part of the deal we made with the Ramones." McLaren claimed that Spedding had pulled out because he wanted to play his own dates, but neither Spedding nor his record company, Rak, would comment.

McLaren has revamped the tour for the Sex Pistols, which now starts on December 3 at Norwich University.

Further dates: DERBY Kings Hall (December 4), NEWCASTLE City Hall (5), LEEDS Polytechnic (8), MANCHESTER Electric Circus (9), LANCASTER University (10), LIVERPOOL Stadium (11), CARDIFF Top Rank (12), BRISTOL Colston Hall (13), GLASGOW Apollo (15), DUNDEE Caird Hall (16), SHEFFIELD City Hall (17), SOUTHBEND Kursaal (18), GUILDFORD Civic Hall (19), BIRMINGHAM Town Hall (20), BOURNEMOUTH Village Bowl (21), LONDON Roxy Theatre (26).

So then, the 1st December Dundee date on the poster has the second set of support acts on it (Heartbreakers etc), but these acts weren't chosen until the revamped tour dates were confirmed which

had the Dundee date being 16th December.

If the poster gig WAS the 1st December, it would have had the first set of support acts on it (Ramonones etc).

The Sex Pistols couldn't have cancelled the 1st December Dundee gig "at the last minute" to appear live on the Bill Grundy TV show because the 16th December date was confirmed 2 weeks before the TV show aired.

It also means they didn't exclusively reschedule Dundee's date from 1st to 16th, because the entire tour was revamped 2 weeks prior to the Bill Grundy TV show.

Finally, and rather obviously, it was the 16th December gig Dundee Council banned - not the 1st December gig.

The poster's date and support acts don't go together at all - the information is meaningless.

Therefore the poster's false data has no connection to the Sex Pistols history or Dundee's gig history.

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