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NXNE CONFERENCE CELEBRITY INTERVIEW

DANNY FIELDS

interviewed by WARREN KINSELLA

The **NXNE Conference** brings together the music industry's key players over two action-packed days at the Hyatt Regency Toronto. Informative, provocative panel discussions and celebrity interviews—all licensed, of course—offer an explosion of revolutionary thinking about music: the biz, the technology, the future.

This special Celebrity Interview with the former manager of The Ramones, **Danny Fields**, follows the previously announced Celebrity Interview with **GZA**, founding member of the seminal hip hop group the Wu-Tang Clan, conducted by hip hop pioneer **Fab 5 Freddy**.

During their chat, **Danny Fields** and **Warren Kinsella** will delve into the changing world of artist development. The Ramones, Iggy and the Stooges, and the MC5 all had time to develop and grow through a live scene at a time when songs were tried and tested over and over in front of a live audience before being committed to vinyl. No instant downloads; no MySpace or Twitter. Fans got information through magazines like Creem and Crawdaddy, and waiting for the next issue was sweet anticipation. Fields and Kinsella will discuss the new advantages and drawbacks in this age of instantaneous media.

Danny Fields was born in New York City sometime during WWII, and eventually went to Harvard Law School, from which he dropped out. He was deeply involved with Warhol's Factory scene, and wrote eyewitness accounts about the early days of the Velvet Underground. As a publicist at Elektra Records, he went on to confound the industry with albums by the MC5, Iggy and the Stooges, Nico, David Peel - and the Ramones, whom he managed for five years at the start of their career. He, along with co-manager Linda Stein, took the Ramones to England in 1976, where they had a huge impact on the burgeoning UK punk scene.

Warren Kinsella is the author of *Fury's Hour: A Sort-of Punk Manifesto*. He was the lead singer and bassist of Calgary's Hot Nasties, and the founder of punk label Social Blemish Records ("More hits than zits!"). Kinsella has interviewed dozens of punk bands over the years, and is currently a member of Shit From Hell, a Toronto-based geriatric punk quartet. He thinks Iggy Pop is God.

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Saturday, June 20, 2009 - Hyatt Regency Toronto, 370 King St. West

1:00-2:30pm: **Fab 5 Freddy with GZA**

3:30-4:30pm: **Warren Kinsella with DANNY FIELDS**

The NXNE Conference and Celebrity Interviews are open to NXNE Pass holders only. NXNE VIP Super Passes and Priority Passes are available at www.nxne.com, Fans can also attend NXNE club showcases and film screenings with **5-day** or **1-day wristbands**, available online and at retailers around Toronto. Visit www.nxne.com to buy passes & wristbands and for more festival info.

15 Years, 500 Bands, 50 Stages, 30 Films, 25 Panels, 5 Days. The **North by Northeast Music and Film Festival & Conference (NXNE)** runs June 17-June 21, 2009 in Toronto.

The Music Festival is recognized worldwide as the place for fans to see breakout performances at intimate venues and for musicians to get vital international exposure. Alumni include **Feist, The Dears, New York Dolls, Ron Sexsmith, K'naan, Jason Collett, Television, Sheek Louch, and The Soundtrack of Our Lives.**

The Film Festival features the most compelling music-related films, shorts and documentaries from around the world, and the Conference puts music insiders and veterans alongside the next generation of innovators defining the industry for the digital age. Past Conference speakers include **Stewart Copeland, Rob Halford, Don Letts, Johnny Rotten and Thomas Dolby.**

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