



Docu "Joy Division" studies the band through interviews with former band members such as Bernard Sumner.

# 'Joy' docu strums up interest

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The Works U.K. Distribution has acquired all British distribution rights to "Joy Division," a rockumentary about the 1970s British rock band of the same name.

Pic is directed by Grant Gee and contains interviews with all the surviving band members, as well as record company execs Tony Wilson and Pete Saville.

Coming on the heels of Anton Corbijn's recent film "Control," a portrait of Joy Division lead singer Ian Curtis, execs at the Works believe there is strong exhibitor demand for the new pic. It will get a theatrical release in 2008.

"Joy" is repped by L.A.-based Katapult Film Sales, which previously sold the film to the Weinstein Co. for North America, Madman Entertainment for Australia, Pretty Pictures for France and Benelux and CCV for Scandinavia.

Katapult recently picked up sales rights to "Little Ashes," which stars "Control" thesp Matthew McNulty.

"Ashes" is a Spanish-U.K. co-production about Salvador Dalí and his friends that was helmed by Paul Morrison. Pic, now in post-production, also stars Javier Beltran and Robert Pattinson.