

Take a closer look...

- Have you seen a patch like this before?
- What does it remind you of?

Information about the artist and the artwork:

Lee Henderson

An Abridged Sonic History of Global Conflict— Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939 (detail, Guernica), embroidery on cotton.

This patch is one of a collection of patches inspired by years of research that the artist has undertaken. Lee Henderson finds band names originally inspired by militarized themes and re-designs patches for the band in ways which reconnect the band to the war history referenced in their names.

Lee Henderson is a contemporary artist whose practice includes video, photography, installation, sculpture, performance, and text. Henderson is based in Toronto. He studied art in Canada and Germany and received a BFA from the Alberta College of Art and Design and an MFA from the University of Regina.



Guernica is a Spanish city that was attacked by Nazi airplanes during the Spanish Civil War. Pablo Picasso famously depicted the horrors of this event in 1937 in a painting named after the city. The painting has come to be a reminder of the tragedies of war and an anti-war symbol. Many bands with varying sounds from around the world have performed and recorded under this name.

Punk Rock (or simply punk) is a music genre that emerged in the mid-1970s. Rooted in 1960s garage rock, punk bands typically produced short, fast-paced songs with hard-edged melodies and singing styles, stripped-down instrumentation, and often shouted political, anti-establishment lyrics. Punk embraces a DIY ethic; many bands self-produce recordings and distribute them through independent record labels.

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