

Black lauds life after the Pixies

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the forefathers of that scene, and he named the Violent Femmes, Husker Du and the Replacements as a few of the other bands from the '80s that played a part in forming the genre, calling them "a big three."

The Pixies label, while they were still together, 4AD/Elektra, released a double-disc album that included a greatest hits disc and a live recording disc last year, and they plan to put out another new record in the next few months. Black said there were a couple of cover songs on it, but the rest of the tracks were all from previous albums.

"They're BBC radio sessions of the songs, you know, you go into the studio there at the BBC and you hang out for the day and cut four songs that John Peel plays on his radio show the following week," he said.

With new Pixies albums coming

out recently, fans have started to talk about a Pixies reunion tour. But Black is quick to dismiss the thought and said guitarist Joey Santiago was the only former member he ever sees anymore. He also said he doesn't miss playing with them.

"Playing is playing, you know what I mean. So I don't know that I miss any particular configuration or whatever," he said. "I know what that was like, and I did it a lot, did it plenty."

So Black continues to respond to questions about reunion tours by declaring, "Death to the Pixies." But don't be surprised when he performs a few of his Pixies classics during the show in Omaha, something he has been doing on his recent tours with the Catholics in 1998.

Frank Black & the Catholics' concert is June 25 and will include a performance from a special opening act that has yet to be announced. The

"*We like the Ranch Bowl. And I like being in Nebraska in general, I like Omaha.*"

FRANK BLACK
musician

show will begin at 9 p.m. at the Ranch Bowl, 1600 S. 72nd St., in Omaha, and tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the show.

A full text version of Jim Zavodny's interview with Frank Black can be found on the Daily Nebraskan's web site. (<http://www.unl.edu/DailyNeb>)

Pickford films scheduled to appear at Ross Theater

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"People have not had a chance to see these films," Ladely said of the reissued films, which have not been seen since they first appeared. "And now they have the opportunity."

What audiences will have the chance to see are such classic Pickford films like "My Best Girl" and "Little Annie Rooney" in the series. In these films, Pickford often portrayed a feisty yet sweet girl much younger than her true age. Although she accepted this typecasting well into her 30s, Pickford maintained control of her career and image in a male-dominated industry.

What Pickford accomplished was to redefine the roles of women in Hollywood, Ladely said.

"She is a great inspiration for female filmmakers today," he said. "She is one of the first female filmmakers to change the industry."

According to Ladely, modern filmmakers could cull even more influence from Pickford's films. They are undeniably humorous, charming and sometimes emotional. And unlike all modern films, there is something here for everyone.

"I think people will be highly entertained," Ladely said. "They are wholesome films the whole family can enjoy."

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