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### JOY DIVISION

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Director **Grant Gee**

Joy Division, the Manchester band whose gloomy music seemed to capture the essence of post-industrial decay at the end of the 1970s, is a documentary maker's dream. Or rather frontman Ian Curtis is. One of rock's quintessential lost boys, he was a working-class poet whose desperation and self-doubt emerged in his tortured lyrics even before he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder and epilepsy. Joy Division's garrulous drummer, Stephen Morris, admits the band didn't realise Curtis was singing such blood-curdling lyrics until they saw them written down after his death. – Richard Jinman