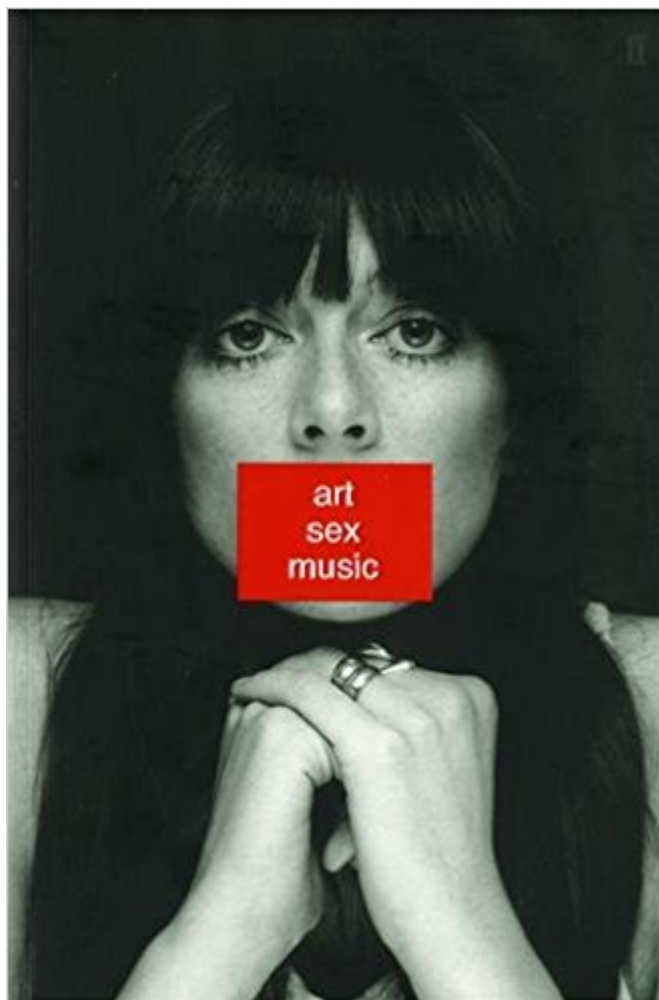


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Art Sex Music



Synopsis

"A bravura rock memoir vibrating with fierce and fearless memories" — a must-have item for Chris and Cosey and Throbbing Gristle fans" — *Art Sex Music* | Kirkus Reviews (Starred)

Art Sex Music is the autobiography of a musician who, as a founding member of the avant-garde group Throbbing Gristle and electronic pioneers Chris & Cosey, has consistently challenged the boundaries of music over the past four decades. It is the account of an artist who, as part of COUM Transmissions, represented Britain at the IXth Biennale de Paris, whose Prostitution show at the ICA in 1976 caused the Conservative MP Nicholas Fairbairn to declare her, COUM and Throbbing Gristle "Wreckers of Civilisation" . . . shortly before he was arrested for indecent exposure, and whose work continues to be held at the vanguard of contemporary art. And it is the story of her work as a pornographic model and striptease artiste which challenged assumptions about morality, erotica, and art. Wise, shocking, and elegant, this is the life of Cosey Fanni Tutti.

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"The female half of the alternative music group Chris and Cosey reveals the "harsh and definitely not rose-tinted view of my past." Drawing on her library of diaries, musician and performance artist Tutti's autobiography is an apt reflection of her daring, lifelong restlessness and creative ambition. Born in 1951 in Kingston upon Hull, known during post-World War II Europe as the "most violent city in England," Tutti was raised in a strict household, and her mother's singing voice and father's penchant for electronics "fed and formed my notions of music and sound." As her mischievous

nature emerged, so did the 1960s counterculture in music, art, TV, and other areas. The author went on to co-found the COUM Transmissions art collective and broadened their productions to incorporate prop and dance elements that expanded into controversial commissioned installations on sex and prostitution, including an esteemed exhibition for the British Council. Tutti's experiences in the stripping and pornography industries inspire pages of brazen, provocative anecdotes that fans will devour. All of these experiments in expression led the author to a passionate coupling with fellow artist Chris Carter and the development of the bands Throbbing Gristle in the 1970s and then Chris and Cosey in the artistic bacchanal of the 1980s. All of these historic events are lavishly and painstakingly detailed, much like the intriguingly written diaries they are culled from. Tutti clearly takes great delight in sharing the roller-coaster emotions experienced within each era and how particular watershed moments shaped her as an artist and an independent woman. Most impressive is the author's reflection on the decisions that defined her and her personal and professional relationship with Carter that, to this day, has managed to survive culture shifts, age, health scares, and the evolutions of both the music industry and their fan base. Without a hint of regret, Tutti bares all in the name of art and personal integrity. A bravura rock memoir vibrating with fierce and fearless memories— a must-have item for Chris and Cosey and Throbbing Gristle fans." — [Kirkus Reviews \(Starred\)](#) "Tutti's memoir, *Art Sex Music*, lives up to her promise, brilliantly elucidating the 65-year-old's complex career as one of the founders of industrial music with Throbbing Gristle in the late '60s, and an acclaimed performance artist who used her body to probe the dynamics of pornography and S&M.... *Art Sex Music* lacks a satisfying conclusion because Tutti's work is ongoing. For her, "industrial" was a way of life, rather than a sound "to be independent, active, productive, thorough, and committed." She hasn't wavered from it. For her followers, the comprehensive *Art Sex Music* will feel biblical. For anyone who can stomach her art, this memoir is a rigorous extension of Tutti's art-as-life philosophy in its most accessible form." — [MTV Online](#)

"I love Cosey Fanni Tutti. Simple as that." — [Nick Cave](#) "Far out' was once a term referring to the avant-garde in both visual and musical art. Cosey was 'Far Out' from the off as far as I can remember. Some performer/artists may take it up to the limit; Cosey's art STARTS from the accepted limit." — [Robert Wyatt](#) "Cosey Fanni Tutti is the personification of self empowerment, her art and music has made an imprint unto several generations of curious minds. We all imagine the stories of our heroes, but it's a true pleasure to hear them from the original

Wrecker of Civilisation herself." –â €Sasha Grey

Terrific memoir by Cosey Fanni Tutti, a founding member of the British performance art troupe COUM, the highly influential band Throbbing Gristle (who pretty much invented Industrial music), and the excellent electronic music pioneers (formed from the ashes of TG) Chris & Cosey. She talks about her careers in performance, music, and art; her time working in the sex industry; and her life, in a very engaging way. A true music icon, I found this book fascinating and inspirational. Cosey 4Ever.

Excellent service and a great product. Love this book.

Excellent from start to finish! Great for Throbbing Gristle fans!

I recommend this autobiography to all lovers of modern music and art. This down-to-earth, honest, and detailed personal reminiscence is an impressive achievement. The music of Cosey (and Carter Tutti, TG and X-TG) had already been an important influence on my own creativity, but reading 'Art Sex Music' has moved me and inspired me afresh.

Cosey Fanni Tutti, an apt pseudonym for the Author of this fascinating autobiography and key personage of the Throbbing Gristle (TG) music group. This well-written discourse takes the reader back to the tumult of the beginnings of the post-war rebellion by the counterculture youth of the UK and rockets you through the ages to today. Cosey holds nothing back - the raw edges rasp at your consciousnesses, the struggle for sense and expression is transferred with a gut wrenching imperative as the reader turns the pages. A work of art itself, those living through that time will understand the depth of the challenges faced by a pioneer of artistic expression as she crashes through her life. You revel at the success of a TG concert only to be saddened by a loss or setback. This is real life - not sugar-coated pablum. Art Sex Music is literature to read - a timely book as a generation begins to fade into memories with each person's passing. This book will stand the test of time.

cosey's work as a total artist is covered here in her own words. in addition we have also stories from her personal life growing up in Hull and the events leading to her becoming a professional artist. as a fan of TG primarily i hadn't bargained her story beyond TG would quite so interesting. fascinating

even. the narrative is woven seamlessly between art and life in general because she truly has lived her art. but even at point where they diverge she keeps things moving along nicely. my main criticism coming away from the book is the treatment of genesis. i take her word that everything she says is completely true so the issue is not that i question her veracity. the issue is that after the period where they meet it seems the portrayal of genesis gets increasingly negative. given the facts i can see why. however i feel his contributions to their work together could or should have been recognized along with these faults. warts and all is fine as long as you don't forget the ALL. overall a great read about an interesting and singular artist.

Just as I always thought back pre - anything internet! Yes Cosey - I totally get you! Thank you for putting out the book and setting it straight - Love to you and Chris - Diane - I have it - Buy it!!

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