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**SPECIAL 30TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION**

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### Rare Footage of Mature Bukowski Readings

Charles Bukowski did not like to do live poetry readings. But he needed the money. The readings were legendary and those who had the privilege of attending one felt they had witnessed, and participated in, not a dry, academic reading of poems, but performance art. At one reading, between trading sharp jabs with a heckler, Bukowski said, "Forgive me. You have my soul and I have your money." Eventually, his book royalties and film advances allowed him to retire from live performances and concentrate on what he loved: writing. He lived and wrote for another 14 years after these, his last readings.

In 2008, the last two Charles Bukowski readings were released as individual DVDs, *There's Gonna Be a God Damned Riot in Here!* (Bukowski Live in Vancouver, 1979) and *The Last Straw* (Bukowski Live in Redondo Beach California, 1980). The two readings are different in tone from one another, but both were raucous, confrontational events, much of the action coming between the poems. Therefore, rather than cull out the formal poems, we offer the readings intact, as they are meant to be experienced. The 2008 releases were edited to avoid duplicate poems, but in this special 30th anniversary edition, they are offered uncut, in their raw entirety.

### Three New Featurettes & Then Some

**Bukowski at the Huntington** — In 2006 Bukowski's wife, Linda Lee, donated a considerable Bukowski archive to the prestigious Huntington Library. We offer selections from *Celebrating Bukowski*, an event presented by the Huntington officially welcoming Bukowski's papers. Features talks, reminiscences and readings by admirers, friends and family, as well as an interview with Sue Hodson, Curator of Literary Manuscripts.

**Behind the Making of *Bukowski: Born Into This*** — An in-depth interview with filmmaker John Dullaghan, director of the definitive Bukowski documentary, about the making of *Born Into This*. Also includes selections from the film including poems read by Bono; Tom Waits; and Bukowski's publisher, John Martin, reading Bukowski's last poem; and a poem read by John Dullaghan.

***Love, Bukowski, Selected Scenes*** — Performances of three Bukowski poems from the play as presented by the California Repertory Company as well as comments by Joanne Gordon, who conceived and directed *Love, Bukowski*, and was nominated for a 2005 LA Drama Critics Award for best adaptation.

Also *The Vancouver Gang*, a mini-documentary of the 25th anniversary screening of the Vancouver reading, interviews with the producers of both films of the readings, and more Bukowski poetry.

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