

# Henry Rollins

In describing Henry Rollins, the tendency is to try to squeeze as many labels as possible into a single sentence. "Rollins is many things," says The Washington Post, "diatribist, confessor, provocateur, humorist, even motivational speaker...his is an enthusiastic and engaging chatter." Entertainment Weekly's list includes "Punk Rock icon. Spoken word poet. Actor. Author. DJ. Is there anything this guy can't do?" TV Guide has more concisely called him a "Renaissance Man" but if Henry Rollins could be reduced to a single word, that word would undoubtedly be "workaholic." When he's not traveling, Rollins prefers to keep a relentless schedule full of work, with gigs as an actor, author, DJ, voice-over artist and TV show host to name a few of the roles that keep his schedule full. Rollins has toured the world as a spoken word artist, as frontman for both Rollins Band and Black Flag and as a solitary traveler with insatiable curiosity, favoring road-less-traveled locales in places such as Nepal, Sri Lanka, Siberia, North Korea, South Sudan and Iran.

## Author

- Author of more than 30 books, including *Black Coffee Blues*, *Get in the Van*, *Solipsist*, *Roomanitarian* and *Broken Summers*
- The travelogue series, *A Grim Detail*, *A Mad Dash*, *A Preferred Blur* and *A Dull Roar* documents Henry's travels through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Europe.
- The *Before the Chop* series (parts I-III) compile Henry's LA Weekly articles in their original, unedited form.
- *Occupants*, features photos and essays from Henry's international travels.

## Spoken Word Performer

- Henry is well known for his popular spoken word performances, or "talking shows," that mix political commentary and personal anecdote, humor, outrage and pop culture, all with a healthy dose of skepticism. Dozens of Rollins' talking show performances were released on DVD and available to view by streaming or download.

## Actor

- *Dreamland*, motion picture, supporting actor
- *Portlandia*, TV series, guest star
- *Sons of Anarchy*, TV series, recurring guest star
- *He Never Died*, motion picture, lead actor
- Previous acting credits include more than 20 films, including *Lost Highway*, *Bad Boys II*, *Heat*, *The Chase*, and voice work for the animated series *American Dad*, *Adventure Time* and others.

## TV Host

- *10 Things You Don't Know About*, History Channel H2 series
- *Animal Underworld With Henry Rollins*, National Geographic series
- *Born To Rage*, National Geographic Explorer special
- *The Henry Rollins Show*, IFC series
- *Henry's Film Corner*, IFC series

## **DJ**

- Weekly radio show host, KCRW 89.9, Los Angeles, (2009-present)
- Weekly radio show, "Harmony In My Head," 103.1 FM, Los Angeles, (2004-2009)

## **Music**

- Rollins Band nominated for Best Metal Performance for the song "Liar," 37th Annual GRAMMY Awards
- Henry spearheaded the West Memphis Three benefit album *Rise Above*, featuring two dozen songs by his former band (Black Flag) played by his then-current Rollins Band line up
- Before leading Rollins Band, Henry made his mark as the frenetic frontman for legendary band Black Flag.

## **Awards**

- Southern California Journalism Award, 2017
- Ray Bradbury Award, 2014
- GRAMMY Award, *Get In The Van: On the Road with Black Flag*, 1994