

# Motorhead Susan Henderson: The Unsung Heroine of British Rock



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Susan Henderson, affectionately known as Motorhead Susan, was an enigmatic figure in the male-dominated world of heavy metal. For nearly two decades, she stood side-by-side with the iconic British rock band Motorhead, playing an indispensable role that extended far beyond her duties as a manager. Her unwavering dedication, fierce spirit, and unwavering loyalty cemented her status as an unsung heroine of British rock.

## **Early Life and Career**

Born in 1950 in Paddington, London, Susan Henderson grew up immersed in music. She began singing at a young age and later joined a band called Girl, an all-female rock group that gained some notoriety in the late 1970s. It was during this time that she crossed paths with Lemmy Kilmister, the enigmatic frontman of Motorhead.

## **Joining Motorhead**

In 1980, Lemmy invited Susan to join Motorhead as their manager. Initially hesitant due to her limited experience, she eventually agreed, recognizing the potential of the band. Susan's arrival marked a turning point for Motorhead, as she brought a fresh perspective and a keen business sense to their operations.

## **Behind-the-Scenes Contributions**

Susan's role in Motorhead extended far beyond the traditional responsibilities of a manager. She became the band's confidante, therapist, and spiritual guide. She handled all aspects of their business, from booking tours to negotiating contracts. Susan's tireless efforts were instrumental in

transforming Motorhead from a struggling underground band into one of the most successful and influential heavy metal acts of all time.

### **The Unwavering Loyalist**

Susan Henderson's loyalty to Motorhead was unwavering. Through thick and thin, she remained steadfast in her support of the band and its members. She stood by Lemmy during his personal struggles with addiction and health issues. Her dedication was especially evident during the band's darkest period, when Phil "Philthy Animal" Taylor and Pete Gill left in the early 1990s. Susan's belief in Motorhead never wavered, and she played a crucial role in keeping the band together.

### **A Pioneer for Women in Rock**

Susan Henderson's presence in Motorhead challenged gender stereotypes in the rock music industry. In an era dominated by male musicians, she proved that women were capable of holding positions of power and influence within the heavy metal scene. Her success paved the way for future female rock stars and managers.

### **Legacy and Impact**

Susan Henderson passed away in 2012 at the age of 62 after a battle with cancer. Her loss was deeply felt by the music community and fans of Motorhead alike. Her legacy as an unsung heroine of British rock remains intact. Susan's unwavering spirit, fierce loyalty, and dedication continue to inspire aspiring musicians and fans of all genders.

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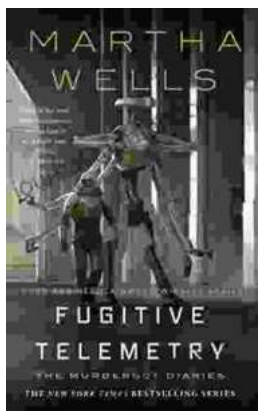
contributions were instrumental in the band's success and longevity. As a pioneer for women in rock, Susan Henderson's legacy continues to inspire and empower musicians and fans to this day.



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