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The Holy Modal Rounders... Bound To Lose
Starring THE HOLY MODAL ROUNDERS, SAM SHEPARD and DENNIS HOPPER

short synopsis:

When fiddler Peter Stampfel collided with guitarist Steve Weber during the “Great Folk Scare” of the early sixties in New York, the two musicians formed a powerful bond based on their shared fascination with American roots music and early psychedelia. Dubbing themselves The Holy Modal Rounders, these eccentric outsiders have been playing their unique brand of psychedelic folk for over four decades, barely surviving on the fringes of the music industry while drawing a dedicated following of luminaries and lunatics.

From their origins in New York’s Greenwich Village folk scene and their involvement in the *Easy Rider* soundtrack, to the lost years of constant drugging, endless touring and a final shot at redemption, ***The Holy Modal Rounders... Bound To Lose*** recounts the unique forty-year history of these true American originals. With startling intimacy, the film also documents the band’s arduous, amusing, and sometimes heartbreaking struggle to capitalize on their recent resurgence in popularity, culminating in an unpredictable 40th anniversary concert in Portland, Oregon. More than just a chronicle of an obscure band, ***The Holy Modal Rounders... Bound To Lose*** is a raucous celebration of a lost American outlaw subculture as it draws its final rebellious breaths.

The Holy Modal Rounders... Bound To Lose features endearing and hilarious appearances by playwright (and former Rounders drummer) Sam Shepard, Dennis Hopper, John Sebastian of The Lovin’ Spoonful, Peter Tork of the Monkees, Ed Sanders and Tuli Kupferberg of the Fugs, Loudon Wainwright III, Ira Kaplan of Yo La Tengo, music editor Robert Christgau of the *Village Voice*, Wavy Gravy and many more.