

## Dedication

*Don't Think I've Forgotten* is dedicated to the resiliency of the Cambodian people.

## Cast and Credit

**Director/Cinematographer:** John Pirozzi

**Producers:** John Pirozzi, Andrew Pope

**Executive Producers:** Youk Chhang, Brad Bessire, Jonathan Del Gatto

**Editors:** Daniel Littlewood, Greg Wright, Matt Prinzing

**Composer:** Scott Stafford

**A production by** Harmony | Primitive Nerd | Pearl City

**Additional Production Services Provided by** The Documentation Center of Cambodia

**Design & Animations:** Craig Lowy

**Invitation Design:** Yvonne Wong Fein and Youk Chhang

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Singer: Ros Serey Sothea

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## Don't Think I've Forgotten



## ខ្មែរធាតុបង់តន្ត្រីរ៉ក់ Cambodia's Lost Rock & Roll



A PRODUCTION BY HARMONY | PRIMITIVE NERD | PEARL CITY

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS BRADLEY BESSIRE, YOUK CHHANG, JONATHAN DEL GATTO

ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION SERVICES BY THE DOCUMENTATION CENTER OF CAMBODIA

PRODUCERS JOHN PIROZZI & ANDREW POPE DIRECTOR JOHN PIROZZI

## Première-Synopsis

During the 60's and early 70's as the war in Vietnam threatened its borders, a new music scene emerged in Cambodia that took Western rock and roll and stood it on its head—creating a sound like no other.

Cambodian musicians crafted this sound from the various rock music styles sweeping, America, England and France, adding the unique melodies and hypnotic rhythms of their traditional music. The beautiful singing of their renowned female vocalists became the final touch that made this mix so enticing.

But as Cambodian society—young creative musicians in particular—embraced western culture and flourished under its influence, the rest of the country was rapidly moving to war. On the left, Prince Sihanouk joined forces with the Khmer Rouge and rallied the rural population to take up arms against the government that deposed him. On the right, the Cambodian military, with American military support, waged a war that involved a massive aerial bombing campaign on the countryside. In the end, after winning the civil war, the Khmer Rouge turned their deadly focus to the culture of Cambodia.

After taking over the country on April 17, 1975, the Khmer Rouge began wiping out all traces of modernity and Western influence. Intellectuals, artists and musicians were specifically and systematically targeted and eliminated. Thus began one of the most brutal genocides in history, killing an estimated two million people—a quarter of the Cambodian population.

DON'T THINK I'VE FORGOTTEN: CAMBODIA'S LOST ROCK AND ROLL tracks the twists and turns of Cambodian music as it morphs into rock and roll, blossoms, and is nearly destroyed along with the rest of the country. This documentary film provides a new perspective on a country usually associated with only war and genocide.

The film is a celebration of the incredible music that came from Cambodia and explores how important it is to Cambodian society both past and present.

**There will be a live concert following the screening featuring music from the film performed by Hong Samley, Chhom Nimol and the Drakkar Band.**

## Art Exhibition & DJ

Please join us for the opening night art exhibition—'Don't Think I've Forgotten: Every Record Cover Tells A Story.' The art installation consists of many prints of original Khmer music album covers used in John Pirozzi's upcoming documentary film Don't Think I've Forgotten: Cambodia's Lost Rock and Roll. Each elaborate cover is a work of art in its own right using unique graphic design and color schemes that highlight the golden age of what was Cambodia's amazing music scene of the time.

**There will be a DJ playing music from the film!**

A New Documentary Film of 2014

The Documentation Center of Cambodia  
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## A Special Screening Of

# កុំស្មានបងភ្លេច Don't Think I've Forgotten

## Cambodia's Lost Rock & Roll

A Film by John Pirozzi

## Première

SATURDAY 11, JANUARY 2014

6:30 pm (please arrive before 6:30 pm)

Chatomuk Theater | ADMISSION: Free | DRESS: Smart casual

## Art Exhibition & DJ

FRIDAY 3, JANUARY 2014

6:30pm

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