



## John Lydon

**Singer, Songwriter & Disruptor**

*"I think too many people tell me what I think and not enough ask me..." John Lydon*

John Lydon is one of the most recognisable figures in music history. As Johnny Rotten, he was the lead singer with the Sex Pistols – the world's most notorious band – and the figurehead for a restless generation through, music, style and attitude.

### TOPICS:

- Disruption
- Creativity
- Inspiration

### IN DETAIL:

Although John had no previous musical involvement, the Sex Pistols made their live debut at St Martins College of Art, November 6th 1975. On account of his decaying teeth John was rechristened "Johnny Rotten". His scintillating vocal delivery and forthright lyrics – matched with the band's power and energy – soon saw the Pistols build up a word-of-mouth following. Despite John vehemently rejecting the term, the Sex Pistols found themselves at the forefront of what would later become known as "Punk". Still prolific with his innovative band Public Image Ltd. (PiL), John has remained a compelling and dynamic figure both as a musician and thanks to his outspoken, controversial, yet always heartfelt and honest views.

### LANGUAGES:

He presents in English.

### PUBLICATIONS:

**2014** Anger is an Energy: My Life Uncensored

**1994** Rotten: No Irish, No Blacks, No Dogs

### WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

John Lydon has secured prime position as one of the most recognisable icons in the annals of music history. John looks back on a life full of incident from his beginnings as a sickly child of immigrant Irish parents who grew up in post-war London, to his present status as a vibrant, alternative national hero.

### HOW HE PRESENTS:

As a cultural commentator, John Lydon always outspoken, controversial and sincere looks back on his extraordinary life.