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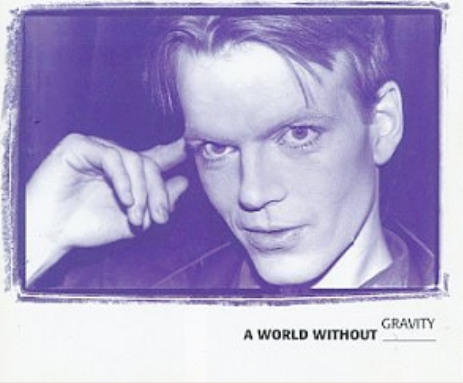
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## TOTALLY WIRED

### THE BEST OF THE JIM CARROLL BAND



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## Jim Carroll remembered

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BY TOTALLY WIRED September 15, 2009 10:09

Last Friday, we lost a [true](#) punk-rock poet in [Jim Carroll](#), who died of heart attack at age 60. Veteran promoter [Elliott Lefko](#) – who booked punk and indie-rock shows in [Toronto](#) in the '80s and '90s before moving over to Californian Coachella promoters [Goldenvoice](#) – sent us this tribute:

*Jim Carroll, the poet, novelist (of [The Basketball Diaries](#)) and rocker, died Friday in New York at his [home](#). Apparently, he'd been in poor health lately.*

*In the late '80s I promoted a bunch of shows with him at OCA(D), the El Mocambo and Lee's Palace. Never have I seen a performer radiate electricity like this man. He would get up on stage and hold audiences transfixed with the power of his words and his delivery. I would book [[Elvis Mondays promoter](#)] William New's band Groovy Religion to open up and at the last minute say, 'Oh, by the way Jim, could you sing "Sweet Jane" and "People Who Died" with Groovy?' He'd smile, someone would [race](#) out to make copies of the lyrics for him, and he'd blast the song into orbit, like the rock star he was.*

*Those were good times. I'll miss you Jim!*

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