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Bleddyn Butcher worked for NME magazine in the 1980s, photographing musicians, including Alex Chilton, Joe Strummer, Michael Stipe, the Pogues, and U2, and authors, including William Gibson and Greil Marcus. His photographs have since appeared in many leading music journals.

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