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Iggy Pop

Lust For Life

By Kerry Doole

This short (41 minutes) documentary on Iggy is based on interviews and a concert recorded in Utrecht back in 1986, and has obviously been put out now to capitalize on the recent Stooges reunion. It has low production values (some of the narration is in Dutch and without subtitles!) but is not entirely without merit. Its biggest selling point would be its interview with the sadly no longer with us Ron Asheton, where he reminisces about the creation of the ever so influential Stooges sound. Iggy himself is in lucid conversational form and reveals such nuggets as the fact that he based "No Fun" on the Johnny Cash classic "I Walk The Line" and that an early visit to a Ford assembly line helped inspire his aggressive proto-punk style. The real highlight comes out of left field, via a 1977 clip of Iggy's appearance on Peter Gzowski's CBC TV talk show. An uncomprehending Gzowski takes a cheap shot at his guest — "at least I have the name I was born with" — but Iggy acquits himself well. (MVD)

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