

Iggy Pop: Lust For Life



This DVD offers a rare glimpse at the "Godfather of Punk." The documentary/concert film features interviews with Iggy and the late Stooges guitarist Ron Asheton in

separate, but revealing segments. Much of the DVD is concert footage and interviews from 1986, a time where Iggy was enjoying the successful *Blah Blah Blah* album and a hit single, "Wild Child."

Early in the DVD, Iggy reveals his pure love for sound in general, including his fascination with the sounds of machine presses and electric razors during his childhood. He reflects on his early days with "The Iguanas," his dropping out of college, his love of the blues in Chicago and how all this influenced his stage persona.

Ron Asheton, who died on January 6, 2009, chronicles his discovery of the barre chord in a basement where the young Stooges practiced. He reveals his belief that volume was the spirit of The Stooges' music, addresses ►►

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his attraction to feedback, and then churns some chunky riffs out of his Les Paul. Asheton also relives the concert where The Stooges were discovered at The University of Michigan, discloses the band's drug habits and how the band became unified through their acid use, and discusses the impact that Hendrix's *Are You Experienced?* had on the band. Late in the film Asheton admits that he believed that The Stooges had the potential to become "The American Rolling Stones" had they not split up.

When a recording of "No Fun" is played during the interview with Iggy, the pure joy seen in his face is exciting. He reveals that that Stooges' classic was inspired by Johnny Cash, and meant to reflect life in the Midwest. Live footage includes complete live renditions of "T.V. Eye," "China Girl," "Some Weird Sin" and "Real Wild Child." The movie was produced for German television, so much of the narration mid-movie is in German. Whatever the language, fans of Ron and Iggy will enjoy a revealing and interesting look into some of the punk rock's biggest pioneers.—BC

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