

Lust for Life

Iggy Pop

ABC Entertainment/MVD

IGGY POP IS GOD!

I could have slacked writing this review about this DVD by just giving you the title, who is in it, where to get it, and the first sentence in all capital letters, and you would immediately go to MVD's site and order it. My job would be done. But no... I couldn't do that to Iggy, or you, or my pal Clint at MVD because that would just be the lazy way out.

This DVD has some incredible interview footage with Iggy. The year is 1986, in NYC as well as Ann Arbor and Detroit, MI. Pop busts down his personal history beginning with The Iguanas and Prime Movers. There are great photos of him from childhood to high school and a brief boring college year right up til he moved to Chicago where the blues grabbed him by the balls.

Canadian talk show, Pop is asked about punk rock:

"Punk rock is a word used by dilettantes and heartless manipulators about music that takes up

the energies and the bodies and the hearts and the souls and the time and the minds of young men who give what they have to it, and give everything they have to it. And it's a term that's based on contempt, it's a term that's based on fashion, style, elitism, Satanism and everything that's rotten about rock n roll. I don't know Johnny Rotten, but I'm sure that he puts as much blood and sweat into what he does as Sigmund Freud did."

When Asheton talks about the end of the



And then came The Stooges. The tales told are honest, drug-laden and funny, sometimes in a rather sad way. The Blood House days are recalled chillingly by the late Ron Asheton... missing gear, and blood-splattered walls not excluded, but most importantly, Asheton talks about the music they listened to from Hendrix to Sex Pistols and spoken of with a fondness somewhat tinged with disgust.

The live 1986 concert footage was filmed in Germany during Iggy's *Blah Blah Blah* tour, but there is a lot of early Stooges footage thru his solo days with David Bowie playing keys for him after he found sobriety. He talks about traveling with Bowie on the *Station to Station* tour (Stevie Ray Vaughan was Bowies' guitarist at the time).

On an appearance on a

Stooges, it's bittersweet and especially poignant now that he has passed.

The documentarian, Martcel Vanthielt, intersperses a few explanations in German, but you catch the gist of what he's telling you.

I don't care how much you know about Iggy Pop, fanboy/girl. This DVD is a must-have that, if you loan it to a friend, you most likely will never see again.- *YRS4*

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