

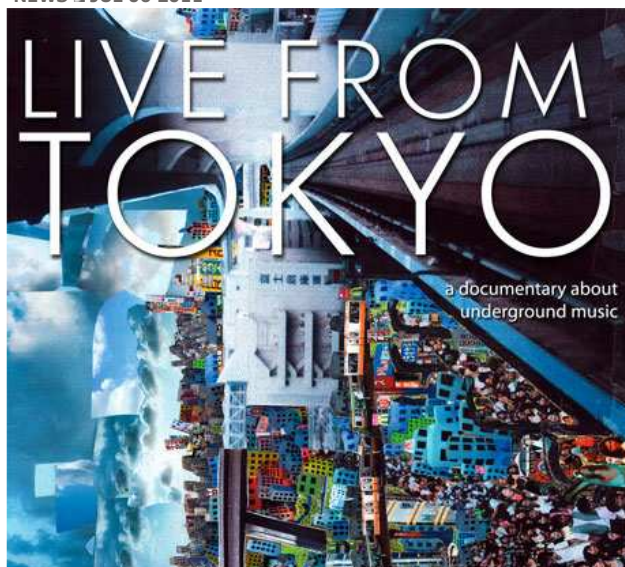


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Japanese Underground Music Doc 'Live From Tokyo' Heads to DVD

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Call it a case of geography, but aside from a few long-running outfits (see Boredoms, Boris and Shonen Knife, for instance), we don't tend to hone in on Japan's indie music scene that often. The recent documentary *Live From Tokyo* hopes to shed light on some of the more unsung outfits. Having already hit the theatre circuit, U.S. filmmaker Lewis Rapkin is now hoping people will pick up the flick for the home market via an upcoming DVD release.

A press release says the film "looks at Tokyo's music culture as a reflection of Japanese society and in relation to international music culture." Exploring "the back streets in Shinjuku, the intersections in Shibuya, the alleys in Koenji, and all over Tokyo," the feature presents a broad stroke of underground artists involved in the Japanese music scene. Performers include Nisennenmondai, Tenniscoats, DMBQ, PARA (Boredoms members), Shugo Tokumaru, Sexy-Synthesizer, Sajjanu, KIRIHITO, d.v.d, Optrum, Uhnelys and many more.

The DVD will be released August 23 on Good Charamel Records and will also include a digital download featuring a number of the acts from the film. A tracklisting has yet to be revealed for the CD companion, but the label will have it up on their site soon. A portion of the sale proceeds will go to the Red Cross Tsunami Relief fund in Japan.

You can watch the trailer for *Live From Tokyo* below.

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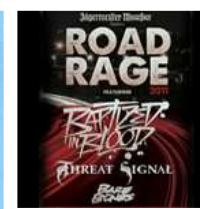
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