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I Need That Record!

THE DEATH (OR POSSIBLE SURVIVAL) OF THE INDEPENDENT RECORD STORE (MVD)-

This one sounded cool on paper and well, yeah, it's good (though at times gets a bit too numbers/facts specific). In a little over an hour Guerilla (gorilla?) filmmaker Brendan Toller discusses the status of the indie record store here in America. Along the way we find out that in the last decade over 3000 record shops have closed in this country and how evil Wal Mart, the biggest music retailer in the country, is. In this doc he mainly focuses on a few shops in Connecticut, one being Trash American Style in which the owners, a couple, explain what it is like to close up shop and lose their sense of community. Also along the way Toller chats with folks like Thurston Moore, Ian MacKaye, Mike Watt, Glenn Branca (hilarious as always), Legs McNeil (when the narrator states it is sad when a record store closes and folks can't meet up anymore to chat music Legs states "Who cares, you really want to MEET these people?! Not me!"), Chris Frantz, Lenny Kaye and Mr. Noam Chomsky (who admits to the narrator when asked what his favorite rock record is, that "My musical tastes stop in the 1940's"). By the end of the doc there is hope as a couple of young uns are opening up a new shop and even the folks from Trash American Style feel like they cannot be stopped by the man (indy record stores seem alive and well here in Portland). www.mvdb2b.com

- Tim Hinely