



**'Welcome To The Machine,' A Film By Andreas Steinkogler (MVDvisual, 4 stars)**

This August DVD presents a realistic look at the "machine" that makes pop-music stars, whether they play punk, metal, hip-hop, Americana or other genres. It contains quotes from successful artists from Brian Wilson to Alice Cooper to Elvis Presley and others between the "12 Commandments" of the music business. These are detailed by following an actual band called The New Vitamin as they win a contest, and then hit the road for touring and promotion. Other folks like Buckcherry, One Republic, New Model Army and many more comment in various segments.

This is an informative look at the music business, and includes subtitles for foreign languages at times.

- Ricky Flake