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Rat Skates - BORN IN THE BASEMENT DVD



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I'm sure all the old time Overkill fans out there remember Lee "Rat Skates" Kundrat, the band's original drummer. He's gone into indie film and video production over the years, and he's just released a DVD called "BORN IN THE BASEMENT" about the early days of not only Overkill but the east coast metal/thrash scenes in general. I was lucky enough to score a copy to review for Detritus e-zine, and I loved it!! It's a very cool, funny video, kinda like a home made "Behind The Music" episode. You get TONS of insider info about the early days of Overkill and how much Rat busted his ass to get their name out there... not only was he the drummer, but he designed & built their early stage sets (out of milk crates and styrofoam "bricks" no less!), did the silk screening for their T-shirts in his basement, designed the Overkill logo and much of their early art work, etc., etc. So then why did he walk away from all his hard work, just as the band was FINALLY starting to break out of the NY/NJ circuit? (I'll leave that for you to find out for yourself)

The vid includes lots of rare photographs from Rat's personal archives... this guy saved EVERYTHING, so you'll see pieces of Overkill merch from twenty five years ago! (wait'll you see D.D. Verni's high school yearbook photo...bwahahahaha!) There are also interviews with the original guitarist of Overkill (a fella who went by the name "Riff Thunder!") and the lead singer of DD and Rat's first high-school punk rock band ("The Lubric*nts") not to mention tons of fascinating video clips of early Overkill performances from their unsigned cover-band days (when they were a little more, er, "theatrical" looking than they were later on).

Highly recommended viewing for Overkill fans or anyone who grew up in the NY/NJ area during the early 80s! This thing brought back a lot of memories!

Check out the BORN IN THE BASEMENT trailer at: <http://www.ratskates.com/trailer.htm>



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