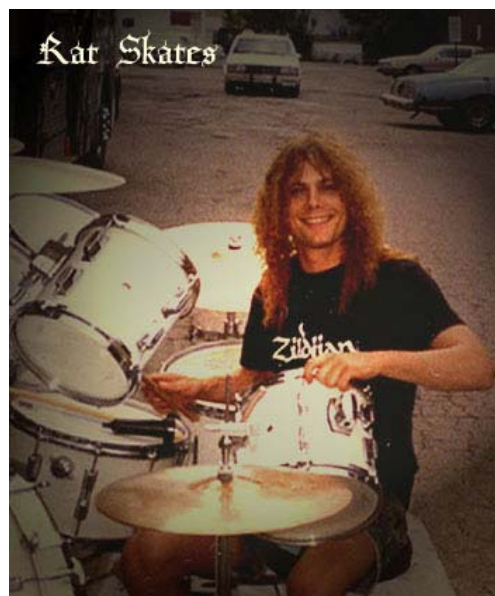


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RATSKATES



Rat Skates: Dawn!

Dawn/TheMetalWeb.com: Hello, Mr. Rat! (Laughs) What's going on? How have you been?

Rat Skates: Excellent! I really appreciate you doing this. Your website looks great! You're really sincere and do a really thorough job on what you have up there.

Dawn/TheMetalWeb.com: Well, I appreciate what you said, thanks! I have to say that I loved *Born in the Basement!* It brought back so many memories of a different era. Though I have to say, I felt it to be more of an autobiography from your standpoint while being a member in Overkill than just a thesis on the Thrash movement of the early 80's. Would you agree and if so, why now after all these years did you feel the need to do this?

Rat Skates: Thank you! This is how this started; I'm the Associate Producer of the movie *Get Thrashed*. I've been working on it with Rick, who's the Director for about four years at this point. Rick is I believe 35 years old and he's sort of in that, what I refer to as the mid-school, not the old-school thrash. Old school thrash really is 1981, '83, '84 and he came in a little bit towards the real back end of the 80's whole thing because he wasn't old enough to even go to a lot of the shows. I started working on this with him being that I'm one of the first guys involved with the whole scene, and you saw *Born in the Basement*, so you saw everything that I was working on. I had saved everything