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Rat Skates - Born In The Basement (Thrash Metal Class Of '80)

The REAL story of East Coast DIY thrash, real independence, real metal guts and real metal glory...



I have a new hero. His name is Rat Skates, and until 1987, he played drums with Overkill (and was the drummer on their first two studio albums, and the 'Fuck You' EP - which coincidentally were, are and always will be the best Overkill records). He was the backbone of the band, the gel that held everything in place and without him, there would be no Overkill. The man brought a DIY punk attitude to Heavy Metal in the late seventies and early eighties, he did everything (created logo's, merchandise, stage shows, stage sets, press kits, dubbed demo's), and until now he has never been given the credit that he so richly deserves, he's never been acknowledged as one of the trash metal's founding fathers. Until now. 'Born In The Basement' is an open, honest (sometimes too honest) and frank story of East Coast thrash metal from the perspective of Overkill and Rat, and it's bloody amazing. It's refreshing to see the East Coast finally acknowledged (I mean, come on, there isn't a single fact about the Bay Area scene that hasn't been published and rehashed time and time again), and it's good to see Rat actually set the record straight about thrash and it's roots, and you know what? I believe him. He was there, and has finally filled in all those niggling little thrash blanks that have remained in place for twenty two years. As a film about thrash metal, it's brilliant, as the story of one man's pride, passion and determination, it's essential. End of story.

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