

Rat Skates

Born in the Basement

(kundra productions)

After being heavily involved in the making of the excellent "Get Thrashed" documentary Rat Skates, the ex-Overkill drum dynamo, still felt he had a lot to say about the origins of thrash metal and his own personal journey from the garage to the stage with Overkill. The two stories are inextricably linked and "Born In The Basement" tells them both with honesty, humour and never flagging enthusiasm. Rat is an articulate and passionate narrator and his words allow viewers to see the names and faces from the genesis of thrash as real people like never before. It's a fascinating watch for any fan of thrash metal and an absolutely essential one for any Overkill devotee. Going right back to the beginnings of the Lubricants, the band that Rat and D.D. Verni played in before Overkill, no ex-member is overlooked and the spirit of endeavour, struggle and sheer hard work radiates from every frame. Rat Skates has approached the making of this film with the same drive and energy that he put into every aspect of Overkill and produced a DVD that is both completely absorbing to watch and totally commendable for its openness and honesty. www.ratskates.com

- Chris Kee