

Last Shop Standing: The Rise, Fall And Rebirth Of The Independent Record Shop

More than a piece of nostalgia, Last Shop Standing takes a tantalizing look into the future: the stores that are opening, who is succeeding and the individual and unique passion that drives those who remain, and intend to be here long after the supermarkets have given up and the last chain store has closed.

PRESS QUOTES

"This short but passionately sweet documentary traces the rise and fall of the music business through the eyes of the English independent record shop. Last Shop Standing is not a sad story though: These are the survivors of the digital revolution, and they tell their tales in thriving stores packed with LPs and other tangibles you can't download. 3 1/2 stars"

- Barry Walters, **ROLLING STONE**

"...It's the store owners themselves that give 'Last Shop Standing' its charm and character..."

- Phil Gallo, **BILLBOARD**

"Last Shop Standing is more than just a film about collecting records. It's about passions, and people caring about what they love. It is a story about records, and some other very important things."

- Johnny Marr, Musician

"Recommended. This short, sweet little look at a crucial aspect of the music industry is energized by the love and passion of the record store owners and musicians interviewed."

- Tyler Foster, **DVD TALK**

"Last Shop Standing isn't about the continued existence of music sales, but of music culture and the ritual of meeting as a community to experience an art form designed to bring people together."

- Stephen Carlick, **EXCLAIM**

"Last Shop Standing does a fantastic job of describing what those independent shop owners went through over the past few decades with the rise of CDs and MP3s, at a time when over 2,000 record stores were forced to shutter across the UK."

- John B. Moore, **BLURT**

"The doc captures the warmth and exuberance of the proprietors who have devoted their adult lives to their shops."

- Jim Kaplan, **RECORD COLLECTOR NEWS**

"Last Shop Standing is a great window into the minds of record store people and artists who share a passion for music. It's just plain cool and anyone who supports record stores, or worked in a record store, or supports their local record store, will really enjoy it. Record Store Day is proud to make it our official film for 2013."

— Michael Kurtz, Co-founder, Record Store Day

"Last Shop Standing is an insightful survey of the music business from the perspective of independent retailers who had to adapt to changing tastes and emerging technologies to survive, much less prosper, and makes several key arguments for vinyl's lasting impact and status as the format of choice."

- Peter Roche, **EXAMINER**

"Last Shop Standing is brisk and highly edited, an MTV-ish kinda snap-snap-snap affair that keeps you on your toes and gets a hell of a lot more data across."

- Mark S. Tucker, **FOLK & ACOUSTIC MUSIC EXCHANGE**

"A tantalizing look into the future: who's succeeding and what's the passion driving those individuals who intend to sell records long after the supermarkets have given up and the last chain store has closed."

- Harley Lond, **FILM CRAVE**

"...Over 20 record shop owners and music industry leaders as well as musicians including Paul Weller, Johnny Marr, Norman Cook, and Billy Bragg as they all tell us how the shops became and still are a part of their own musical education, a place to cherish and discover new bands and new music."

- Stefan Blitz, **FORCES OF GEEK**