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UPCOMING / FILM *Last Shop Standing* DVD Due for Release on Record Store Day

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Last Shop Standing: The Rise, Fall and Rebirth of the Independent Record Shop—a film documentary based on a book of the same name by Graham Jones—is going to be released on DVD April 20 for **Record Store Day**. The movie traces the vicissitudes of recording formats and music retail in Great Britain. The country went from having **2,200 record shops in the '80s to 269 in 2009**. A parade of UK musicians (**Paul Weller, Johnny Marr, Norman Cook (aka Fatboy Slim), Billy Bragg**, etc.) sing their praises of the brick-and-mortar record emporium not just as a place to purchase music but as a communal focal point where friendships (and sometimes bands) can be fostered and knowledge can be exchanged.

The whole thing probably comes across as propaganda for independent music merchants, but with the odds stacked so precipitously against them, *Last Shop Standing* seems like it will be **more inspirational than grating**—especially if you're someone who values physical musical artifacts over MP3s and other digital formats, obviously. (Or if you run or work for a record store. Obviously.)

The 50-minute documentary came out last September in Britain. You can order it **here**.

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