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**[D.I.Y. OR DIE: How To Survive As An Independent Artist](#)**

posted by [Scott Beale](#) on Friday, November 9th, 2007

“[D.I.Y. OR DIE: How To Survive as an Independent Artist](#)” is an excellent 2002 documentary by [Michael W. Dean](#), who recently decided to [upload his entire film to YouTube](#), broken up into 8 chapters. Michael explains why he decided to [distribute his film online](#). D.I.Y. OR DIE is also [available on DVD](#) for a very reasonable \$8.

This film is a celebration of the artistic underdog! FEATURING interviews and performances from: Lydia Lunch, Ian MacKaye (Fugazi), J Mascis (Dinosaur jr.), Jim Rose (Jim Rose Sideshow), J.G.Thirlwell (Foetus), Mike Watt (Minutemen), Richard Kern (Filmmaker), Ron Asheton (Stooges), Madigan Shive (Bonfire Madigan), Dave Brockie (Gwar) and more.

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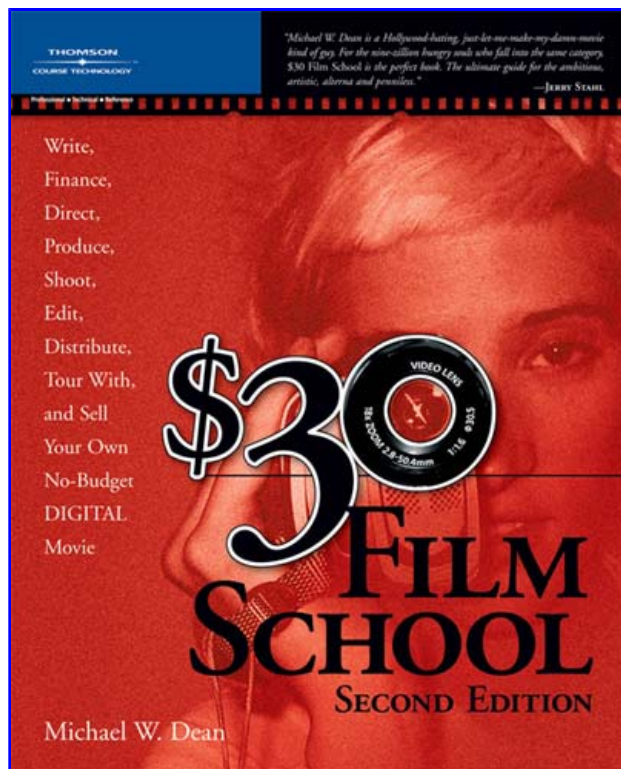
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Michael Dean has also written a book about the process he used to make his film, [\\$30 Film School](#), now in it's [second edition](#).

UPDATE: A [high quality, DRM free download of "D.I.Y. OR DIE"](#) will be available for free via Microsoft's [Zune Marketplace](#) starting on Tuesday, November 13th.

Thanks to [Attaboy](#) for the tip!

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