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"BRICK AND MORTAR AND LOVE"— Independent ear X-tacy

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Independent ear X-tacy

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ear x-tacy is a legendary record store in Louisville, Kentucky and since all of us are aware of what is happening in the retail music business, we therefore know that there is a struggle for survival. The film shows us that independent record stores are more than just a place to buy a CD, they are actually cultural centers where music is taught and learned, where art is appreciated and cultivated.

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John Timmons is the owner of Brick and Mortar and Love and it is through the interviews with him and other staff members that we learn what the store is all about.



Brick and Mortar and Love is a story of love, music and retail. Timmons fights to keep his store open—he has been in the retail music business for 25 years. His struggle is the struggle of many others like him. The film features music from lots of great Louisville artists including My Morning Jacket, Brigid Kaelin, Nappy Roots, Thomas A Minor and the Picket Line and more.



On February 12, 2010 Timmons understood and confirmed that his shop was in danger of closing. The film focuses on ear X-tacy as it struggled to stay open, featuring interviews with those involved with ear X-tacy and other stores like it around the United States.

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