

BIKER FILM FEST



IRON CITY BLUES

This is a totally cool award-winning biker documentary DVD by one of our very favorite musicians, biker bluesman Big Mike Griffin. When we say big, we mean it, as Mike stands nearly seven feet tall. He's so big his guitar looks like a toy in his hands when he plays. When it comes to playing the biker blues, bros, there's none better.

The film traces Big Mike's road trip as he rides deep into Tennessee's backwoods to write a blues song about the notorious town of Iron City.

Iron City has earned the reputation of being lawless and untamed. In fact, as Big Mike discovers, the town's police department has been completely abandoned since 1989. The state cops won't even go in there for fear of being shot.

The film takes viewers along for the ride as Big Mike travels to Iron City in order to learn first hand if the incredible stories about the town are true. While stopping for catfish in the nearby town of Loretto, we see Mike warned repeatedly by locals to "watch his back" if he goes through with his trip into the old mining town.

Big Mike then wisely takes a detour to the home of his good friend Jason Neese, a cigar-chomping ex-Marine who knows of the dangers of Iron City first hand. The next morning, the two ride their Harleys through the winding Tennessee backroads into the heart of Iron City. There, surrounded by buildings ravaged by fire and years of decay, he interviews a fascinating collection of locals who seem to actually enjoy living their lives on the edge of anarchy. Mike then returns to the studio where the viewer is given a front row seat to the actual recording session, followed by a live concert where he debuts "Iron City" for a rowdy crowd which includes many of the locals he met on the road trip. The high-energy blues anthem, infused with Southern rock, turns out to be as much of a celebration of Iron City as it is an ominous warning to outsiders, "You better know someone when you come to Iron City."

The two-disc set goes for \$19.95 and includes a CD featuring the original soundtrack by Big Mike, of course. *Iron City Blues* is available on Amazon.com. For more information, surf to www.IronCityBlues.com. Also, check out Big Mike's website at www.bigmikegriffin.com.

—Beatnik

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