

# RYE COALITION: THE STORY OF THE HARD LUCK 5



AN INTIMATE AND FIERY DOCUMENTARY TRACING THE 20-YEAR RISE AND FALL OF NJ ROCK BAND RYE COALITION

When they signed with one of the world's biggest record labels, Rye Coalition was primed to finally get their glory, or so it seemed. Like countless rockers before them, childhood best friends started a band in a basement with a couple simple goals in mind: have fun and play good music. As one of the first bands to develop the new "emo" sound in the early 90s, they were at the forefront of a movement that included *Shellac Jawbreaker* and *Karp* (with whom they later recorded a legendary 12" split). Rye Coalition's first recording was a demo cassette tape backed by a tour in a beat up schoolbus long before most of them had their driver's license. As their talent and fan base grew, they released albums on indie labels and toured the country for over ten years on bigger and bigger bills: (*Mars Volta*, *Queens of the Stone Age*). After gaining momentum from 2002's "On Top" LP, engineered by Steve Albini, they were signed to Dreamworks Records and none other than Dave Grohl (*Nirvana*) came on as their producer. Then, it all imploded.

Supplemented by the band's home movies, the filmmaker has continuously documented these singular rockers for over a decade, brazenly chronicling choice moments with Rye Coalition (and those who know them well) on tour, at home and in the studio. Although the band was praised by critics and supported by an absurdly dedicated grassroots fan base, somehow these Jersey rockers never got their due. Until now. Dir: Jenni Matz, 2014; 77 minutes. [Ryecoalitionthemovie.com](http://ryecoalitionthemovie.com)

Featuring: Steve Albini (*Shellac*), Tim Green (*Nation of Ulysses*), Dave Grohl (*Foo Fighters*), Jon Theodore (*Queens of the Stone Age*), Jared Warren (*Melvins*) Allison Wolfe (*Bratmobile*) & more.

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**UPCOMING SCREENINGS:**

**March 31 at Nitehawk Cinema, Brooklyn NY**

<http://www.nitehawkcinema.com/movie/rye-coalition/>

**April 9 at Somerville Theatre, Boston MA**

**April 11 at Asbury Park Film Festival, NJ**

**April 17 at Gateway Film Center, Columbus OH**

**April 20 at Grog Shop, Cleveland OH**

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**Trailer:**

<http://vimeo.com/ryecoalition/trailer>

**Awards:**

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Winner, Best Documentary Film. New Jersey International Film Festival (2014)

Winner, Best Music Documentary. Kingston Film Festival (2014)

Winner, Best Local Film. Golden Door Film Festival (2014)

Winner, Best Rock Documentary, Atlantic City Cinefest (2014)

Winner, Best Director-Feature Documentary, Atlantic City Cinefest (2014)

Winner, Best Rock Documentary, AMFM Festival (2014)

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