



Best Local Music Groupie - Shirley Braha

If you haven't been watching New York Noise, turn your TV to Channel 25 every Tuesday night to see the latest bands like you've never seen them before. Produced by native-Brooklynite music maven Shirley Braha, who put out her first CD (the Hanukkah-themed indie-pop compilation *I Made It Out of Clay*) on her own Little Shirley Beans label when she was a mere 16, this weekly show presents videos and interviews with bands ranging from Le Tigre to Beirut. Braha, who has also curated concerts for the East River Music Project, conducts her interviews in offbeat locales like bakeries and factories. One episode featured "Tea Time With Tommy Ramone," while another was filmed in the apartment of the Trachtenburg Family Slideshow Players, giving viewers a true peek behind the music. From a Bishop Allen barbecue to an indie-rock blind date, an accordion party to the Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls, Braha brings much needed originality to her field, while still covering major events like the Siren and Pitchfork festivals. This woman lives and breathes music and has managed to turn her passion into her job while continuing to showcase underground bands. (Rachel Kramer Bussel)

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