K Records’ manifesto in the days when big record labels ruled the music industry: “You don't need anyone's permission to make music.” Music writer Mark Baumgarten will read from and sign his new book “Love Rock Revolution: K Records and the Rise of Independent Music” (Sasquatch Books, July 2012). Musical guests The Maxines will perform. The free event takes place at the Olympia Timberland Library from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. on Friday, July 27.

“Mark Baumgarten methodically details every nuance of K Records, and in doing so has written the best book yet on the Olympia, Washington scene. Whether you're a fan of Beat Happening, Bikini Kill, or Nirvana, this book will help you understand a scene that changed music history.” Charles R. Cross, author of Cobain Unseen

**Publisher’s Synopsis:**
Punk isn't a sound; it's an idea. That is the lesson that Calvin Johnson took from the '70s and brought into the '80s, when he created K Records, a modest cassette-only record label that would become one of the most transformative engines of underground culture in the twentieth century…

…Love Rock Revolution tells the whole story, from the punk pioneers of the 1970s that shaped Johnson's worldview, through K Records' rise in the '80s, to its struggle to stay true to its revolutionary spirit after Kurt Cobain… brought the underground to the masses in the '90s.

**Baumgarten** is a Seattle-based music writer who has written about music in the Pacific Northwest for a number of regional and national publications including Seattle Weekly, Twin Cities Metropolitan, Lost Cause, and Sound Magazine. He is the editor-at-large for City Arts Magazine. The website for his book is [http://loverockrev.com](http://loverockrev.com). The Maxines are Matt Murillo (guitar, vocals) and Kelly Norman (drums, vocals). Their brand of primitive-fuzz-boom-bip was born in Norman’s basement in 2009.

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