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Tiny and Ruby: Hell Divin' Women. Producers: Greta Schiller and Andrea Weiss. Director: Greta Schiller. The Cinema Guild, 1697 Broadway, New York, NY 10019. 1988. 30min. Video, \$295. Film, \$425. All rental \$55.

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Born in Memphis in 1909, trumpet player Ernestine (Tiny) Davis now lives in Chicago with her longtime friend and lover, Renei (Ruby) Phelan. In this sequel to Cinema Guild's *International Sweethearts of Rhythm* [BKL D 15 86], the obstreperous, sometimes bawdy Davis and her somewhat more reserved but personable roommate recall their 42-year friendship and their long-standing musical careers as members of "Tiny" Davis' all-female band. Creatively melded with vintage photographs and footage, home movies, show bills, and background musical accompaniment, Davis' and Phelan's keen and warmly relayed remembrances evoke nostalgia for the freewheeling postwar era when "time wasn't ready for us and still ain't." An impromptu jam session personifies the vim and vitality of these two aging but still active musicians. An entertaining program for public library audiences and special-interest groups. Adult. SEB.

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