

## VFS REVIEW # 7

Tuesday May 17 @ 7pm

### “OT:OUR TOWN”

a film by Scott Hamilton Kennedy

USA 2002 – 76 mins



***(Director Scott Hamilton Kennedy will attend the screening and conduct a post-screening discussion)***

The young people at Dominquez High School in Compton, California are disinterested, wary and often-troubled by the extreme violence that rules their world. As one female student shares, “Compton is home to gangster rap and gangsters. That’s all people know about Compton, That’s all people think about Compton.” Her school, with its overwhelming focus on sports, has not produced a play in over twenty years. With nothing in the way of a theater program or a budget of any sort, incoming drama teacher and director Catherine Borek decides to change all that. This riveting documentary chronicles the month and a half of strenuous, often heated rehearsals leading up to the opening night performance of the classic American play, "Our Town", by Thornton Wilder, by way of Compton, California.

Reviewed by Lorenzo DeStefano - Ventura Film Society