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Derailroaded: Inside the Mind of Larry "Wild Man" Fischer

by Wild Man Fischer





(MVD, 86 mins.)

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"I have been de-rail-road-ed! De-rail-roadED" sing-shouts Larry "Wild Man"











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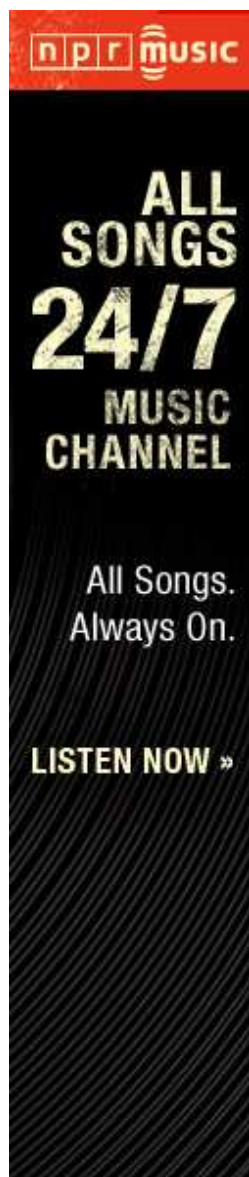
Fischer, in *Derailroaded: Inside the Mind of Larry "Wild Man" Fischer* (MVD), a 2005 film about the outsider music pioneer's troubled life. The point of his rant-song is that he feels he's been screwed over by family, friends, the music industry-pretty much everyone. This is a common belief among manic-depressive, paranoid schizophrenics, and Fischer is one.

His primal, arrhythmic and amelodic performances are unaffected expressions of his innermost demons, which is why Fischer is called "brilliant" as often as "crazy." It's also why Frank Zappa financed and recorded Fischer's landmark Rhino album *An Evening With Wild Man Fischer*, which made Fischer a legend.

Filmmakers The Ubin Twinz befriended Fischer and spent three years interviewing him (sporadically, as Fischer tends to vanish) to tell his compelling, haunting story. Their large, ranting subject eats the screen in his interviews, giving a harrowing glimpse into his addled mind. The Twinz supplement this footage with archival photos and home videos as well as interviews with Fischer's brother David, Gail Zappa, Devo's Mark Mothersbaugh, "Weird Al" Yankovic, Dr. Demento and Solomon Burke. The resultant reverent, affectionate portrait ultimately causes one to contemplate what, really, constitutes brilliance and insanity because although Fischer is completely bonkers, he manages a pure artistic expression few "sane" artists can muster.



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