

# Pop Culture Classics

CELEBRATING THE ICONS OF POP CULTURE

## **"AMERICAN REEL"**

There's one reason to watch this movie - David Carradine. He plays James Lee Springer, a teacher who's never quite been able to fulfill his country-folk, singer-songwriter dreams. Middle-aged, he unexpectedly gets one last shot at fame. The question becomes, how many compromises can the idealist make without completely losing himself? His well-meaning, but success-hungry manager (Michael Maloney) leads him into the hypocritical music industry world, where image outweighs talent. And Springer's music is all about authenticity. Carradine convincingly sings his own Kristofferson-esque songs. Those numbers and the bonus interview with the late actor are definitely this release's highlights. Mariel Hemingway is appealing as Springer's worldly, lesbian assistant.

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