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Picture: C+/C+/B- Sound: C/B-/B- Extras: B-/C-/C Documentaries: B-/C+/B-

The following documentaries all involve music, but they have the unusual common denominator that the biography and story sides of each tend to overshadow the music a bit.

Kierda Bahruth's **Bob & The Monster** (2013) is a look at the life and times of Bob Forrest, one time writer and lead singer of the band Thelionious Monster, a band like Big Star and The Stone Roses that should have been the next big band, but was foiled by inner turmoil. In this case, Forrest was a very self-willed man who became a very serious addict to drinking and especially drugs, which nearly destroyed him. He still managed to befriend future Red Hot Chili Peppers bandmates Flea and Anthony Kiedis before their band did become the next big thing and was part of the center of major musicians in the 1980s Hollywood scene.

This is a biography of Forrest, the industry, the music and how he barley survived to become a recovered addict who has since gone out of his way to help save endless others who are sick and ill form addiction. Courtney Love, John Frusciante and Scott Weiland are among the many friends and family who join in to tel the story and how they see Bob. It is another great untold story of Rock Music and a real artist and hurt human being who somehow survived to see it through.

Extras in both format versions include a *Making Of* for the Claymation sequences and feature length audio commentary tracks by Director Bahryth and Bob himself.

Jan Schmidt-Garre's **Celibidache Rehearses Bruckner's Ninth** (1991, 2005) takes an hour to show conductor exploring, discussing, teaching and molding an orchestra into performing the major Bruckner work (we have reviewed the legendary composer 4 times and counting as of this posting) of the title, giving us his insights from a few interviews in between long clips of working though the entire work with said orchestra.

To its advantage it shows Sergiu Celibidache in his later peak years giving



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