

Rock N Roll Experience

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BLANK GENERATION

The Movie - DVD

Rating: 6 stars!

Initially my expectations on this film were low...I had no idea what kind of actor Richard Hell would be, because more times than not, when a rocker tries to act, let's just say that it's not always a good thing, much like when actors try to play music...this is not the case though with the early 80's movie BLANK GENERATION which was just released on dvd! Richard's performance as Billy, a New York City rocker, who seduces a pretty journalist. Having lived in Maryland my entire life, it's interesting to see how New York was in the early 80's...the grit, the grime...it's part of what Baltimore is too in many ways; although the music scene back then was more vibrant, this film captures a moment in time, when video camera's were large boxes, when girls used to crimp their hair, & the film's turbulent relationship between Billy & Nada is entertaining, so I'd say this film is a good watch, it's got a good story, it's got strong characters, & there's moments of comedy mixed in with the serious. Andy Warhol is in the film for a small cameo "interview scene" & he comes off really smug, which was probably NOT an act for Andy! There's a cool bonus section that has a lengthy interview with Richard Hell where he talks about the movie, the old New York music scene & overall, this is a great rock n roll movie...it's NOT just a cheesy band movie like some of The Beatles & Elvis stuff, there's a good story line & I won't give away the details, I'll just say, watch this film with the understanding that it was filmed in the early 80's...alot has changed since then, this is a time based piece....it's a cool assed movie!

- Bob Suehs