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WESLEY WILLIS'S JOY RIDES

Wesley Willis's Joy Rides...A Chicago native, Wesley Willis became an underground rock icon, revered artist and hero to many before his untimely death in 2003. Termed by some as an "outsider artist" due to his schizophrenia, the film examines Wesley's ability to draw people in despite his intimidating facade. Through his force of personality and his artistic talents, Wesley's music and art attracted people from all walks of life. Greeting people with a headbutt and a request to say "rah" and "roh", Wesley quickly stood out in a crowd. Through interviews with friends and footage from the last four years of Wesley's life, a portrait emerges of a man whose day-to-day existence was wrought with pain and joy. Although his life was troubled, Wesley never stopped creating. He continued to draw pictures and write songs up until his death... THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST DOCUMENTARIES I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE TO REVIEW AND WILL MAKE A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT!

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